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ROY HILL WINS 'GOLDEN GECKO' CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Roy Hill is pleased to announce that its \$10 billion mega-iron ore project has been awarded a 2016 Golden Gecko Certificate of Merit.

Hosted by the Department of Mines and Petroleum, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Golden Gecko Awards which recognise best practice and innovation in the field of environmental management.

The Certificate of Merit was awarded in recognition of Roy Hill's innovative environmental initiatives that were implemented during the development and construction of its port infrastructure in Port Hedland.

The judging panel acknowledged that Roy Hill had gone 'above and beyond' regulatory compliance in the design and construction of an overland conveyor to minimise the environmental impact on mangrove areas at the port. The innovative above-ground traveller methodology used at the Port during construction of the overland conveyor used to deliver ore to the shiploader, resulted in the protection and minimisation of impact to the local mangrove population in Port Hedland.

The Certificate of Merit was accepted by Ms Susanna Beech, Manager Environment, Roy Hill on behalf of HPPL Group and Roy Hill, Executive Chairman Mrs Gina Rinehart and Roy Hill Chief Executive Officer, Mr Barry Fitzgerald.

In her acceptance speech, Ms Beech expressed sincere appreciation and thanks for the recognition of Roy Hill's achievements in ensuring the environmental impact during the construction of the mega Roy Hill Project was effectively managed and minimised.

"This award recognises a number of initiatives adopted during the construction of the Roy Hill Port facility to minimise impacts to mangrove and benthic habitat, including the above ground traveller methodology used for the construction of the overland conveyor. This would not have been possible without strong and focused leadership and extensive collaboration with multiple stakeholders based on the foundation of the Roy Hill Values of lead, care, think and perform."

"By any measure, the scale and complexity of the Roy Hill Project is extraordinary. Due to the size of the Roy Hill Project thousands of approvals and permits had to be worked towards, and numerous environmental management initiatives were necessary. "

"No resource development project of this type could have been delivered so successfully, without a carefully planned and coordinated effort to deliver from the conception phase, continuing right through to commissioning and into operations," Ms Beech said.

Speaking after the awards ceremony, Mr Fitzgerald, said, "Our innovative approach delivered an 85% reduction to the amount of mangroves that were allocated and approved to be cleared by the EPA," Mr Fitzgerald said.

“It was a highly commendable achievement to have completed construction of Roy Hill’s Port infrastructure with significantly fewer total impacts to mangroves than allowed under environmental approvals.”

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About Roy Hill Holdings Pty Ltd

Roy Hill is a world-class, mega project, which in a few weeks will become the largest single ore mine in Australia, and one of the largest in the world.

Situated approximately 340 kilometres south east of Port Hedland in West Australia, Roy Hill is a low phosphorus, Marra Mamba iron ore deposit located in the Pilbara – close to Asia and in one of the world’s premier iron ore provinces. Roy Hill is an independent iron ore operation with West Australian majority ownership, chaired by an Australian, Mrs Gina Rinehart.

With integrated mine, rail and port facilities, which has the capacity to deliver 55Mtpa – Roy Hill is one of the world’s major resource based operations, which will deliver enormous benefits to the broader community for years to come.

Roy Hill’s first shipment of iron ore departed from Port Hedland on 10 December 2015 and has since loaded multiple shipments to its key markets in Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan.

In December 2015, Mrs Rinehart was recognised as Miner of the Decade by the Sydney Mining Club. In addition, Roy Hill has been presented with a range of awards, including:

- 2016 Australian Mining Prospect Awards Excellence in Environmental Management Award
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence - Engineering Distinction Award
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence Award - Resource Development
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence Award - Project Management
- 2016 Project Management Institute Project of the Year
- 2016 Railway Technical Society of Australasia Railway Project Award
- 2015 Mines & Money Asian Corporate Development Award
- 2015 IJ Global Asia-Pacific Project Mining & Metals Deal of the Year
- 2015 IJ Global Asia Pacific Deal of the Year
- 2014 FinanceAsia Magazine Project Finance Deal of the Year Award
- 2014 Finance International Magazine Asia Pacific Deal of the Year
- 2012 Diggers and Dealers Deal of the Year Award

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