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The Companies Officer
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Dear Madam or Sir

APPOINTMENT OF DR YA-QIN ZHANG TO THE FORTESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX:FMG Fortescue) advises that Dr Ya-Qin Zhang is to join the Board of Directors of the Company as a Non-Executive Director, effective 1 September 2019.

Dr Zhang is currently President of Baidu (NASDAQ: BIDU), a leading Chinese multinational technology company, and will retire from that position in October 2019. During his five years with Baidu, Dr Zhang has led various key functions including technology infrastructure, consumer business, marketing and government relationships, and new business initiatives including finance, education, cloud computing, autonomous driving and global business. Prior to joining Baidu, Dr Zhang was a key executive of Microsoft Corporation for 16 years, including as Corporate Vice President for Mobile and Embedded Products, Managing Director of Microsoft Research Asia, and Chairman of Microsoft China.

Based in Seattle, USA, Dr. Zhang is a world-renowned scientist and a leading business executive who has made significant contributions to the software and internet industry. Dr Zhang is a leader in digital video, artificial intelligence, autonomous driving and cloud computing. He currently serves on the Board of Stewardship for the Future of Mobility of the Davos World Economic Forum and Chairman of the Apollo Alliance, the largest open platform for autonomous driving in the world.

Fortescue's Founder and Chairman Mr Andrew Forrest AO welcomed Dr Zhang to Fortescue's Board.

"We are now entering a period in which our world is changing at a pace that is unprecedented in global history. Against this backdrop, it is very clear that artificial intelligence, including autonomy, will undoubtedly be one of the greatest industrial revolutions of our time," Mr Forrest said.

"Dr Zhang's knowledge and experience in the areas of autonomy, technology and innovation will be highly valuable to Fortescue as we successfully navigate the challenges and embrace the opportunities this change will bring."

Dr Zhang holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Science and Technology of China, and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University. He also serves on the board of directors of Chinasoft International Ltd (HKEX: 354), AsiaInfo Technologies Ltd (HKEX: 1675), and Tarena International, Inc. (NASDAQ: TEDU).

Yours sincerely
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