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MEDIA CLARIFICATION

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (Fortescue, ASX: FMG) refers to the attached media statement released on 29 March 2022 regarding Fortescue Future Industries (FFI) signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with E.ON.

Fortescue clarifies and stands by the following statement made in Berlin at the signing of the MoU with E.ON to supply Germany with green hydrogen by 2030, by Dr Andrew Forrest AO, Chairman and Founder of Fortescue.

“On both sides, it will be like a duck swimming,” he said. The two companies’ executives would be “really calm”, but “underneath, our organisations will be going like crazy, because for us it’s a minimum \$50 billion expenditure”.

The expenditure described is a high-level assessment by the Chairman of what such a major project may cost and is appropriate in the environment the statement was made to provide context and scale of the potential of the MoU.

Fortescue clarifies that there is no commitment to this expenditure and all such final investment decisions will be at the sole discretion of the Fortescue Board.

There is widespread investor interest in FFI across the full spectrum of investors ranging from retail, through institutional investors and sovereign wealth funds, and across the capital structure.

We are working closely with banks, institutional investors, multilaterals and export credit agencies, globally, as they confirm their commitment to supporting project funding for green energy. They are actively seeking to invest and commit the capital required to scale green energy projects and help steer companies along Paris-aligned net-zero pathways.

At COP26 last year, as part of the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (“GFANZ”) launched by Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action, banks, insurers and investors with greater than USD130 trillion at their disposal pledged to put combating climate change at the centre of their work.

Fortescue has committed 10 per cent of NPAT to FFI – an estimated US\$1 billion in FY21.

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FORTESCUE FUTURE INDUSTRIES AND E.ON PARTNER ON JOURNEY TO BECOME EUROPE'S LARGEST GREEN RENEWABLE HYDROGEN SUPPLIER AND DISTRIBUTOR

March 29, 2022 Berlin

Australian renewable green energy company Fortescue Future Industries (FFI) and E.ON, one of Europe's largest operators of energy networks and energy infrastructure and a provider of innovative customer solutions for 50 million customers, are joining forces to explore how to deliver up to five million tonnes per annum of green, renewable hydrogen (GH₂) to Europe by 2030.

Today, both partners signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to execute on this ambition, containing a binding element on the research and studies and a non-binding element on the supply component.

This historic partnership marks E.ON's and FFI's broader ambition to lead the decarbonisation of Europe and to strengthen security of green energy supply at a time when Europe needs to reduce its energy dependence on fossil fuels from Russia as quickly as possible. Five million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of renewable GH₂ is equal to approximately one third of the calorific energy Germany imports from Russia.

The agreement was signed in Berlin by Dr Andrew Forrest, Chairman of FFI, and Patrick Lammers, COO of E.ON, in the presence of Michael Kellner, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action and Australia's Ambassador to Germany Philip Green. The two companies are together in the spirit of the Australia-Germany Hydrogen Accord signed in June 2021 at the G7.

Both companies will work together, in collaboration with their governments, regarding how to achieve supply as fast as possible. Both aim to ramp up quickly to five million tonnes per annum of GH₂ by 2030. This will help to decarbonise thousands of medium-sized enterprises all over Germany and the Netherlands, as well as other European cities and communities to which E.ON distributes energy.

"The announcement of this historic partnership today aims to diversify the future energy security in Europe. Green energy will reduce fossil fuel consumption dramatically in Germany and quickly help substitute Russian energy supply, while creating a massive new employment intensity industry in Australia. This is a cohesive and urgently needed part of the green industrial revolution underway here in Europe," said Dr Andrew Forrest, Chairman and Founder of FFI.

German Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck said "The race for large scale production and transportation of green hydrogen has taken off. The agreement between E.ON and FFI is a major step forward and puts them in a pole position for the delivery of green hydrogen to German industry. I congratulate the two companies and I strongly welcome their contribution to a future without fossil fuels. We will keep fostering initiatives like this one within the German-Australian Energy Partnership."

It is intended that such large amounts of renewable GH2 will be powered by Australia's immense renewable resources as well as FFI's other planned global projects, and will be distributed by E.ON. The parties have also agreed to work together to analyse what solutions could look like to solve infrastructure issues and to build a secure value chain.

"We cannot keep gambling our energy security and the planet's future on fossil fuels. Green hydrogen is the practical, implementable solution to decarbonise and lower emissions," said Julie Shuttleworth, CEO of FFI.

"We are rapidly establishing the building blocks across Australia and globally that will allow us to develop and fully integrate our world leading green technologies, manufacturing capabilities and green energy generation and distribution. From the beginning of FFI our philosophy was to drive performance across the entire new renewable GH2 value chain. Today's important announcement in Europe is not just signalling to the global market place that now is the time to make renewable GH2 but is also an exciting step forward in FFI's journey to become one of the world's largest green energy producers," said Elizabeth Gaines, CEO of Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG), the parent company of FFI.

"E.ON is decisively driving forward the green energy transition in Europe and is fully committed to sustainability and climate protection. Renewable GH2 is a key element to achieving this task, while at the same time contributing to a secure and affordable future energy supply. Our partnership with FFI is an important milestone on this path. Two major international companies are joining forces to build a "hydrogen bridge" from Australia to Germany and the Netherlands, based on shared values and the joint capability of realising the scale of such a project. Two together make decarbonisation possible for many, which is an encouraging message, especially in these days", said Leo Birnbaum, CEO of E.ON.

"We are foreseeing a rapidly increasing demand for renewable GH2, especially in our industrial "Mittelstand" client base in the regions we serve. Therefore, we look forward to unlocking the potential of this totally green, climate friendly energy source for our customers and are pleased to work towards building a secure value chain with a strong partner like FFI. Together our ambition is to quickly diversify the energy system in Germany and the Netherlands", said Patrick Lammers, COO of E.ON.

Editors' note [Fortescue Future Industries b-roll and images are available.](#)

About Fortescue Future Industries (FFI)

Fortescue Future Industries (FFI) is a global green energy company committed to producing zero-carbon green hydrogen from 100 per cent renewable sources. FFI is wholly owned by Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG), a world leading resources company

Green hydrogen is the practical and implementable solution that will revolutionise the way we power our planet, decarbonising heavy industry and creating jobs globally. FFI is establishing a global portfolio of renewable green hydrogen and green ammonia projects and will supply 15 million tonnes per year of renewable green hydrogen by 2030, rising to 50 million tonnes per year in the decade thereafter.

Find more information at ffi.com.au/



About E.ON SE

The E.ON Group is one of Europe's largest operators of energy networks and energy infrastructure and a provider of innovative customer solutions for 50 million customers. Thus, we are decisively driving forward the energy transition in Europe and are committed to sustainability, climate protection, and the future of our planet.

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