

Mrs Gina Rinehart wins Australian Mining's "Contribution to Mining" Award

Last night at a ceremony in Sydney, our Chairman Mrs Gina Rinehart was awarded Australian Mining's "Contribution to Mining" award. Unfortunately Mrs Rinehart was unable to attend in person and the award was collected on her behalf by Garry Korte.

In his speech Garry expressed Mrs Rinehart's sincere appreciation for the recognition of her achievements from the industry. He went on to say that it was an exciting time as Roy Hill heads towards first shipment and that when in full production that Roy Hill will be the largest single iron ore mine in Australia. Over the construction period approximately 40,000 people have worked at Roy Hill and the project has now progressed to the point where the first train has moved low grade ore from the mine to Port Hedland, 25mtpa of high grade iron ore has been mined ready for processing and the first ore has been put through the primary crushers.

In getting to this point there were many people that did not believe that Hancock Prospecting, which until recently was a relatively small private company, could finance and bring such a major project to market. It is a testament to Mrs Rinehart's vision, never say never attitude and hard work that the project is where it is today and the award is due recognition of her efforts which have changed the landscape of the iron ore industry.

