

Project of the year goes to Roy Hill

Roy Hill has been awarded project of the year at the 2016 Project Management Institute Australia Awards last month, for its \$10.5 billion mega iron ore project in the Pilbara.

Australia's premier project award, was presented to Roy Hill Holdings chairwoman, Gina Rinehart, and the project's director Sanjiv Manchanda at the PMI Australia Conference Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony in Adelaide on May 30.

On receiving the award, Ms Rinehart thanked all the people who helped progress and build the mega Roy Hill project.

"It is rare to be an executive throughout a major project, spanning decades, from infancy

to production, and then to receive an award too, thank you PMI Australia," she said.

With an integrated mine, rail and port facilities, Roy Hill is one of the world's largest resource-based projects, celebrating its first shipment of iron ore from

Port Hedland in December 2015.

Mr Manchanda said more than 25,000 direct construction workers were engaged in 37.9 million hours during the construction phase to deliver the project, with no lost time due to industrial relations stoppages.

"The project was delivered within budget; it has been designed and constructed to ensure that production costs are in the lowest quartile of iron ore

producers worldwide," he said.

Roy Hill Holdings chief executive Barry Fitzgerald said after the project commissioning last year, the company's focus was now on achieving a safe and cost effective, ramp-up in production to full capacity of 55mpta.

"At which point Roy Hill will be the fourth largest iron ore producer and exporter in Australia," he said.

"The Roy Hill operation will provide significant benefits to the Australian economy."



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