

PRODUCTION REPORT

Mineral Resources increases annual iron ore export volumes by 88% to 10.4MT

- Mineral Resources achieves record iron ore sales for FY2014 of 10.4 million tonnes
- Quarterly iron ore shipments of 2.9 million tonnes represent a 14% increase over the previous quarter

Mineral Resources Limited (ASX MIN: MRL) has recorded a 14% increase in quarterly iron ore exports to 5.9MT for the June quarter. This brings annual exports to 10.4MT, an increase of 88% from FY2013 and a 4% improvement on guidance of 9.5 to 10.0MT.

Iron ore shipments WMT (000's)	FY2013		FY2014			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Carina	3,544	1,094	1,282	1,041	1,136	4,553
Phil's Creek	464	600	1,121	1,007	1,282	4,010
Spinifex Ridge*	0	248	404	343	395	1,390
Poondano & others*	1,548	150	169	118	43	480
Utah Point shipments	2,012	998	1,694	1,468	1,720	5,880
Grand total	5,556	2,092	2,976	2,509	2,856	10,433
* Reported in Mining Services segment						

The Company has continued to develop production from its two Western Australian iron ore regions, Yilgarn and Pilbara, to maximise its use of the port assets at Kwinana and Utah Point. MRL's development strategy in iron ore production is leveraged from its extensive 'run of mine' contracting activities in the resources sector. Since first exports of iron ore and manganese in the early 2000's, the company has achieved an outstanding annual growth rate. Further developments and exploration will continue to increase project life and reduce the overall cost of production.

Pilbara Region

The increase in iron ore shipments were primarily from Phil's Creek with a quarterly increase of 27% to 1.28MT, continuing the ramp-up and re-focus of Pilbara operations. Operations at Poondano were completed during the quarter with rehabilitation work concluding in the area.

Spinifex Ridge, an operation acquired from Moly Mines in FY2013, will continue at the rate of approximately 130,000 WMT per month until it is due to close in FY2015. This material has provided good quality incremental tonnes as we transitioned from Poondano ore to Phil's Creek.

During the next two quarters, MRL will bring Iron Valley into production and subsequently wind down operations at its other Pilbara operations. This will maximise operational efficiencies by operating from a single mine site in the Pilbara.

Yilgarn

Carina operations exported 4.5MT in FY2014, an increase of 28% from FY2013. This was achieved with a 9% improvement in Q4, stabilising the annualised run rate at 4.5MT.

Ongoing operational efficiency measures has allowed for a steady increase in volumes over the year with further measures in progress to reduce costs and advance production rates.