## HANCOCK PROSPECTING PTY LTD

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## A RECORD WEEK OF AWARDS FOR MRS RINEHART AND THE HANCOCK PROSPECTING GROUP

The week commenced with the National Dairy Awards, wherein the partnership with Bannister Dairies was awarded three national awards.

On the 18th May, 2016 in Melbourne, Roy Hill was announced as a very proud recipient of the Railway Technical Society of Australasia (RTSA) Railway Project Award for their Roy Hill rail mega project.

The award was accepted by Roy Hill Project Director Sanjiv Manchanda, and Roy Hill and Hancock Prospecting Chairman Mrs. Gina Rinehart.

Adding to this, the Hancock Prospecting Group was proudly represented in Kuala Lumpar, Malaysia at the Global Branding Awards, where Mrs. Gina Rinehart was awarded the Global Lifetime Icon awards in Minerals and Exploration.

The Global Awards seek to recognise those who have not only built, but also led successful and growing brands in their respective industries. Mrs. Rinehart was honoured to accept this award for her continuing outstanding efforts in the mining and exploration industries.

Due to other commitments which saw Mrs. Rinehart in Melbourne, the prestigious award was presented to Diana Hancock, Mrs. Rinehart's cousin, who accepted on Mrs Rinehart's behalf.

Diana says "To now witness the global reach of Hancock Prospecting with four major mine interests - as Australia's largest private company, and one of Australia's largest companies - gives me a highly personal perspective on the breadth of her achievements and Gina's razor sharp focus and determination, at the times in the face of great adversity. And obstacles!

Of Mrs. Rinehart's achievements, Diana says "It is notable that aside from her hard work and persistence, I also know my cousin Gina as someone who absolutely loves her country and is passionate and committed to promoting Australia on the world stage.

"She is the chief private sponsor and patron of Swimming Australia, Rowing Australia, Volleyball Australia and Synchronised Swimming, having donated millions to ensure our country's athletes are supported to be great ambassadors for Australia at the coming Olympic Games in Rio later this year.

"She is also a caring philanthropist...through her Hancock Family Medical Foundation and more recently, the Georgina Hope Foundation.

All of this has been enabled by the mining industry, for which Gina Rinehart receives this award."

Diana Hancock's speech attached.

Video film shown during part of speech can be viewed here: <a href="https://youtu.be/MAR3kliWk3s">https://youtu.be/MAR3kliWk3s</a>

Photos available at: <a href="https://www.hancockprospecting.com.au">www.hancockprospecting.com.au</a>

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## Diana Hancock's Speech for the Global Lifetime Brand Icon Award in Minerals & Exploration

Good evening!

Distinguished guests and members of the Global Brand Icon Awards Committee...

My name is Diana Hancock and it is an honor to appear on behalf of my dear cousin and friend, Mrs. Gina Rinehart, a most deserving recipient of the **Global Lifetime Brand Icon Award in Minerals & Exploration**.

When I speak of my cousin's accomplishments it is with tremendous respect and pride, for our family's beginnings were relatively humble.

My own father John, as a young man, worked alongside both Gina's father Lang Hancock and her grandfather George, on the family's remote Pilbara sheep and cattle stations in the 1950's.

Through my Dad's stories of the pastoral life on the land - devoid of city amenities and pre-dating the development of iron ore, and to now witness the global reach of Hancock Prospecting, with 4 major mine interests — as Australia's largest private company, and one of Australia's largest companies - gives me a highly personal perspective on the breadth of her achievements and Gina's razor sharp focus and determination, at times in the face of great adversity. And obstacles!

A few weeks back, I got to see the mega Roy Hill Mine in operation. The scope of which, if even based on the single paradigm of sheer logistical undertaking, is an astonishing accomplishment to behold. And when its' ramp up is completed this year, it will be the largest iron ore mine in Australia!

Perhaps, to grasp the significance of the Pilbara ore discovery – one may ask,

"What is iron ore for?"

Well, living in today's modern world, iron ore is an integral part of our daily lives and without it the world would look very different. I loosely quote from ironorefacts.com, 98% of the world's iron ore is made into steel, which then accounts for 90% of all metals used in the world.

Steel is used in building cars, trains, ships, and high-rise buildings such as the magnificent PETRONAS Towers here in Kuala Lumpur. Steel is in nails, tools, and machinery, and in our homes, down to the humble knives and spoons and scissors.

And I'll bet all of us can locate at least one of those in our cupboards!

The implication of a world without a supply of iron ore is immense, to understanding how we use and rely upon it daily all around us.

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She is the chief private sponsor and patron of swimming Australia, rowing Australia, volleyball Australia and synchronized swimming, having donated many millions to ensure our country's athletes are supported to be great ambassadors for Australia at the coming Olympic games in Rio, later this year. Indeed, she is the largest private sponsor ever for Australia's Olympic effort, in history. As she says, none of this would be possible without the mining industry.

She is also a caring philanthropist whom, for over 25 years has championed the cause of breast cancer research and support for cancer sufferers, starting Australia's first breast cancer foundation and donating both time and resources to help women across Australia through her Hancock Family Medical Foundation and more recently, the Georgina Hope Foundation.

This includes donations to cancer research and support, care gifts of deluxe linen, downy pillows and other aids of comfort to patients suffering in private hospitals. And so much more, I wouldn't have time to list in this speech.

All of this has been enabled by the mining industry, for which endeavors, Gina Rinehart receives this award.

In short, it with glowing pride that I am here as a family ambassador of both Hancock Prospecting, and my dear cousin Gina in recognition of the award she is bestowed by you today.

Thank you