

## Pre-conference day: Tuesday, January 30, 2018

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**5:00pm Registration desk opens followed by drinks reception**

## Day 1: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

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### **8:45am Environmental regulation and the resulting restrictions on capacity utilisation**

- What are the latest political decrees regarding Chinese steelmaking?
- China is closing much steelmaking capacity yet retains steady production levels – what does this mean for raw materials such as iron ore?
- What place is there for privately owned capacity? Or are the SOEs the only steel mills that matter now?

[Li Xinchuang](#), President, China Metallurgical Industry Planning & Research Institute

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### **9:30am Challenges and opportunities in the process of iron ore circulation in the future**

Xiao Peng, Chief Engineer, Metallurgical Corporation of China

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### **10:00am Steel margins in China; state owned enterprises and their financial health**

- Overview of Chinese steel mills' profitability in the wake of stronger steel prices across the product spectrum
- How long can this momentum last? Is it letting up already?
- Has this deferred the PRC on the necessity to assist the debt-laden companies of the basic industries?

[Yuchun Zheng](#), Vice President, China Steel Industry Development Research Institute

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### **10:30am Networking coffee break**

### **11:15am Progress update from Roy Hill**

[Peter Taylor](#), Director, Sales, Marketing And Customer Relationships, Roy Hill

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### **11:45am Low grade iron ore – what place does it have in the market?**

- Will low-grade iron ore always have a place in the market?
- Is there inevitable consolidation on the horizon for low-grade producers?
- Will those miners with superior economies of scale and low cash costs be the only ones that survive?

- Are environmental regulations in China a threat to production and sales volumes?

[Antony Priddy](#), Senior Manager, Sales & Marketing, Fortescue Metals Group

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### **12:15pm A significant re-entrant to the market: Indian iron ore mining**

- Outlining the recent regulatory measures surrounding iron ore mining and steelmaking
- Updated production statistics regarding the various iron-bearing saleable products
- What kind of margins does the current price environment spell out for Indian iron ore miners?

[Arpan Gupta](#), Deputy Director & Head, Mines & Metals, FICCI

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### **12:45pm Networking break**

### **2:15pm Panel discussion: Critical questions on domestic Chinese iron ore mining**

- Outline of the major issues now faced by domestic mines; location, depletion and grade
- How much of the demand will domestic mines be able to supply to Chinese mills?
- Outline of the more recent supply side developments within Chinese borders
- Progression of Chinese mine cash costs and their level of competitiveness on the cost curve

[Guocheng Pan](#), CEO, China Hankang Holdings Ltd.

[Bonnie Liu](#), Chief Executive Officer, GF Futures (Hong Kong)

[Peng Li](#), General Manager, Fujian Sansteel International Trade Co.,Ltd.

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### **3:15pm Ore pricing and premiums; pellet, lump and low-grade vs high-grade**

- Overview of premium and discount spreads in the last twelve months
- What industry fundamentals drive the size of the margin between various iron ore grades and impurity levels?
- How have movements in the prices of other steelmaking raw materials played into this dynamic?

[Peter Hannah](#), Senior Analyst, Metal Bulletin Index

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### **3:45pm Networking coffee break**

### **4:15pm A new owner for the longest established iron ore mines in Australia**

- New ownership and Liberty's green steel concept
- Changes in the market for lower grade ore
- Product developments to meet the market

[Matthew Reed](#), Executive General Manager - Mining, SIMEC Mining

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#### **4:45pm Update on critical issues in the Iranian iron ore value chain**

[Keyvan Jafari Tehrani](#), CEO, Jame Tejarat Company

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#### **5:15pm End of day one with networking drinks reception**

**Day 2: Thursday, February 1, 2018**

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#### **9:00am Macro and strategic issues in the Chinese steel industry**

- Developments in steelmaking methods; EAF vs BOF
- Does the power continue to rest with the SOEs? Are private mills being marginalised?
- Where is the majority of incumbent production? How are regulations and shutdowns impacting this trend?

[Frank Zhong](#), Chief Representative, Beijing Branch, World Steel Association

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#### **9:30am China, the driver of change in global raw material supply**

[Geng Zuo](#), Manager, MinMetals Economic Research Institute

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#### **10:00am Networking coffee break**

#### **10:30am Dalian Commodity Exchange and Fe futures**

- To what extent are the major Asian exchanges tolerant of speculative financial investors in the futures markets?
- Which exchanges inform pricing power and what evidence supports this?
- What have been the trends in the term structure over the past 8-10 months?
- Are apparent industry supply/demand fundamentals still determining the shape of the futures curve?
- What has changed in the past 12 months with respect to the presence of industry participants and institutional investors vs retail investors active on exchanges?

[Yi Chen](#), Senior Manager, International Cooperation, [Dalian Commodity Exchange](#)

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#### **11:00am MinMetals Futures panel discussion: forecasts for iron ore paper and physical markets**

- Supply-side reform in iron and steel industry
- Burden design in steel mills
- Increases in the supply of Fe ore

- Environmental and restriction of capacity policies
- Outlook for crude and electrical steel in 2018

[Guanyin Chen](#), Analyst, Minmetals & Jingyi Futures Co.,Ltd.

[Yi Zhang](#), Futures Director, Shandong Lanfeng Yonggang Steel Company

[Jingjing Wu](#), Market Research Department Director, China Iron and Steel Association

[Xiaoping Song](#), Director, Ferrous Metal Research Institute

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### **12:00pm Chinese macro figures – what are the trends in the macroeconomic landscape and fiscal policy?**

- How effective have the attempts been to control volatility in the equity markets in China?
- What do the latest headline figures have to say about the state of the Chinese economy and the impact on steel demand?
- What are the latest updated to Chinese fiscal policy and how this is trickling down to consumer and business spending?

[Oliver Ramsbottom](#), Partner, McKinsey & Company

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### **12:30pm End of conference and networking lunch**