
Bauxite Resources announce bauxite shipment to China

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Bauxite Resources Limited has announced the loading at Kwinana Port of its maiden shipment of the Company Darling Range bauxite. This 43,000 tonne shipment is the first of three trial spot shipments of run of mine Darling Range low reactive silica bauxite destined for delivery to a major Chinese alumina refinery customer.

BRL is particularly pleased with the excellent grade and characteristics of the bauxite shipment which are well in excess of the contractual specifications. The contractual specifications have been exceeded from ROM bauxite. BRL is conducting extensive studies to further improve the quality of its bauxite for DSO operations. The Company expects to introduce beneficiation in the near future to improve the quality of its bauxite to enable the end user refineries to further reduce waste and operating costs.

The loading and departure of the 43,000 tonne Handimax vessel, Tai Shan Hai at Fremantle Port Authority, Kwinana B bulk Berth 2, marks a historic occasion for both BRL and the State of Western Australia. This shipment is the first commercial export of bauxite from the Darling Range and the State of Western Australia.

At a ceremony on board the vessel recently attended by various delegations and representatives, Mr Daniel Tenardi MD of BRL paid tribute to all those that had worked on the project.

Mr Daniel Tenardi said "The Company commenced drilling in early January 2009, we commenced mining at our starter pit on August 6th 2009 and in less than two years we have secured the shipments of a new bauxite product into China."

He said that "Today marks a historic day for both the Company and the State of Western Australia. BRL staff has worked tirelessly to take advantage of an opportunity in the global bauxite market to introduce Darling Range bauxite to the rapidly expanding Chinese market. This market has only recently become aware of the attributes and benefits of Darling Range bauxite with its low reactive silica, negligible boehmite and gibbsitic nature a major factor in making the four existing Darling Range refineries amongst the most profitable and lowest cost operators in the world."

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