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**Australian Indigenous educational and training model presented to Arctic Circle Conference in Reykjavic, Iceland.**

Following a recent visit to the Fortescue Metals mine site at Christmas Creek, former Greenland Prime Minister, Kuupik Kleist arranged for Fortescue to showcase its Vocational Training and Employment Program at this year's Arctic Circle Annual Conference in Iceland, October 15-18.

The vision of Fortescue Metals Group is to change the lives of indigenous Australians through employment and its VTEC program has been enormously successful in Australia.

"There is much we can learn in the Arctic region from the Fortescue Metals Group model and I am thrilled that they participated in our annual conference", Mr Kleist said. Mr Kleist is a consultant to Australian owned Tanbreez Mining Greenland A/S for which he is in negotiations with the Greenland government to facilitate the construction of a Rare Earths plant valued at A\$ 800 million.

The Arctic Circle is an internationally supported think tank formed to develop the Arctic region. This year there was a specific session on Greenland and Fortescue Metals Group will provide an insight into the success of its model and how it may apply to an indigenous education and employment initiative in Greenland. Such a program will assist Greenland to prepare for its transition to economic development through mining, industrial production and tourism.

It is hoped that ultimately such a program will deliver a much needed employment pool for companies wishing to expand into the region.

Fortescue Metals Group representatives presenting at the conference are Damien Ardagh, Manager, Aboriginal Development and Tony Swiericzuk, General Manager of Christmas Creek Mine. They will be joined by an impressive list of key-note speakers including: H.E. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of Iceland, H.E. Françoise Hollande, President of France, H.S.E. Prince Albert of Monaco, Wang Yi, Foreign Minister, People's Republic of China, The Hon. Philippe Couillard, Premier of Quebec, and Christian Figueres, Executive Secretary of The United Nations Framework of Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Kuupik Kleist is one of the founders of the Arctic Circle and a driving force behind the educational workshops at the conference expected to attract hundreds of world experts in education, the environment, mining, tourism arctic issues and human rights.

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