

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Schlam celebrates partnership milestone – Delivery of 300<sup>th</sup> Hercules Mining Dump Body to BHP.

PERTH: WA-based mining product and services supplier, Schlam, is commemorating the delivery of the 300<sup>th</sup> Hercules mining dump body to one of its key customers.

BHP Western Australian Iron Ore received its first Hercules body in 2018 and formalised a supply agreement with Schlam in November of the same year. Today, nearly all the mining trucks across WAIO's fleet are fitted with a Hercules dump body.

The 300 Hercules dump bodies have been 100% designed and manufactured in Western Australia. This has created additional employment opportunities, averaging 56 full time jobs per year.

Being lighter, the Hercules body provides miners with a significant increase in payload, increasing operational efficiency. The innovative curved body design, and targeted material selection, have resulted in a service life increase of up to 100 percent.

"Each Hercules body is custom engineered and built to suit the unique operational requirements of the mine site it operates in. Working collaboratively with the BHP team we have been able to identify the key performance criteria needed to deliver on safety, productivity, and cost goals," said Hendrik Mueller, Managing Director, Schlam Payload Solutions.

Hendrik acknowledged the milestone.

"We work closely with BHP, at many levels, especially on-site, with their input having contributed to the ongoing development of some of our products," Hendrik stated.

"The Hercules EXO is one example, with the product now being the dump body of choice among iron-ore miners in WA, and beyond."

A commemorative event will be held at Schlam's head office at Welshpool on June 30. The 300<sup>th</sup> dump body, with its commemorative livery incorporating the brand colours of both companies, was recently transported from the company's Forrestfield plant to be proudly displayed at the event in Welshpool.

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#### **About Schlam**

What we do at Schlam is to make mining equipment more productive. We do that, by solving the payload and mining equipment maintenance challenges that keep mines from being better tomorrow than they are today. We started in 1996 as a problem-solving engineering business. Today, we provide payload solutions to mines globally, and our maintenance people are high achievers in every discipline.

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#### **Further Information**

Hercules Dump Bodies - <a href="https://schlam.com/payload-solutions/hercules-open-cut-dump-bodies/">https://schlam.com/payload-solutions/hercules-open-cut-dump-bodies/</a>

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Image showing commemorative 300<sup>th</sup> Hercules body for reference only. Images can be supplied upon request.

