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ATLAS HITS ALL KEY TARGETS AFTER SHIPPING 1 MILLION TONNES IN FIRST 12 MONTHS

Atlas Iron Limited [**ASX Code: AGO**] is pleased to announce that it has shipped over 1 million tonnes of iron ore in its maiden year of operations at the Pardoo Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) Project in Western Australia's Pilbara. Atlas has shipped the ore through FMG's Port Hedland port facility.

The strong production performance confirms that Atlas is achieving all of its key production and operating targets as it progressively ramps up iron ore production from its North Pilbara projects.

"This is a fantastic achievement for the Company, particularly when you consider that we started mining in the middle of the global financial crisis in late 2008. I would like to thank Atlas staff, our contractors and FMG," said Atlas Managing Director, David Flanagan.

Atlas has shipped 1,082,912 WMT of iron ore since December 2008 of which 1,020,758 WMT were shipped in the 2009 calendar year.

Background Atlas Iron Limited

Atlas Iron Limited is mining and exporting from its 100%-owned Pardoo Iron Ore project, located 75 kilometres by road from Port Hedland in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Atlas shipped over 1 million tonnes of Pardoo Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) in its first year of operation. Atlas is working to further expand its production following commissioning of the Utah Point port facility in mid 2010. When combined with additional export tonnages from its Wodgina and Abydos DSO Projects, the Company is targeting exports at an annualised rate of 6 million tonnes by the end of 2010, growing to 12 million tonnes by 2012.

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