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UWA AND BHP BILLITON FORGE \$5 MILLION BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Business education and research has been boosted with the announcement of an A\$5 million partnership between BHP Billiton and The University of Western Australia Business School.

Announcing the partnership, President BHP Billiton Stainless Steel Materials Mr Jimmy Wilson said the company would provide \$5 million to support the establishment of a new Professorial Chair - known as the BHP Billiton Chair in the Business of Resources - new research initiatives, new scholarships as well as targeted training and education.

BHP Billiton's graduate employment initiatives, professional development training requirements, and executive programs will also be supported by the partnership.

UWA Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Robson, welcomed the partnership congratulating BHP Billiton on its commitment to education and leadership.

"This partnership reflects the University's aspiration of achieving international excellence for the benefit of the wider community. It is a very exciting time for the University and our Business School as we work with partners in the business community to develop a world-class centre of excellence in business education and research for industry, government and the public," Professor Robson said.

Mr Wilson, who is also a member of the UWA Business School Board, said the partnership reflected BHP Billiton's commitment to investing in the educational and business future of the Western Australian economy.

"This program will support research, education, and employment opportunities for Western Australian students, particularly those students in the regional areas in which we operate," Mr Wilson said.



UWA Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Robson, President BHP Billiton Stainless Steel Materials, Jimmy Wilson, The Dean of the UWA Business School, Tracey Horton and Chair of the Business School Board, Mark Barnaba inspect the new UWA Business School site.