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BHP STEEL APPOINTS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

BHP Limited (BHP) today announced the appointment of Brian Kruger to the position of BHP Steel Chief Financial Officer effective 1 March 2001.

President BHP Steel Kirby Adams said: "Brian will be a key member of Steel's Portfolio Leadership Team and BHP's Finance Leadership Team, led by BHP Chief Financial Officer, Chip Goodyear. In addition to his technical finance skills, Brian brings to Steel a global understanding of the industry through his experiences in Australia, New Zealand, and the USA."

Mr Kruger has been with BHP for 18 years and has held senior finance roles across BHP Corporate, Steel and Transport & Logistics. He was Vice President Finance of NorthStar BHP Steel, BHP's joint venture mini mill operations at Delta, Ohio in the United States from October 1994 to June 1998.

His current role is Practice Leader Corporate Finance within BHP's Corporate Finance team.

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