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Metallica Minerals chief executive Simon Slesarewich says it is an exciting time for new bauxite miners in Cape York

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A successful shipment of bauxite using a barge loading facility at Weipa has been a cause of excitement in the far northern mining town. Green Coast Resources is the first company, not aligned with Rio Tinto or Comalco, to export bauxite from Cape York Peninsula for fifty years. The maiden voyage is a milestone that's been celebrated by developmental company, Metallica Minerals, which plans to use the Hey Point facility to send bauxite from its nearby Urquart project next year. Metallica Minerals CEO Simon Slesarewich says there's capacity to export 1.6 million tonnes of bauxite annually from the new mine.

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