



PRESS RELEASE

Xstrata wins at 2012 Australian Mining Prospect Awards

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Xstrata Mount Isa Mines has received the highest honour for Excellence in Mine Occupational Health & Safety at the 2012 Australian Mining Prospect Awards in Sydney on Thursday 1 November 2012.

The Australian Mining Prospect Awards recognise production, safety and environmental excellence in the Australian mining industry across 15 categories.

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines took out the Excellence in Mine Occupational Health & Safety award for its newly developed Manual Task Risk Assessment (MTRA) tool; a cleverly simple and interactive aid that can be used to assess the risk of sustaining both acute and cumulative injury while carrying out manual tasks by clearly and visually illustrating the risk factors that can lead to injury. The MTRA works as a guide to assess the hazards and better understand the risks associated with manual tasks, and can be applied across all roles throughout Xstrata's operations, from administrative or office work, to processing and production line tasks and machinery operation.

Maryann Wipaki, Manager Sustainable Development Xstrata Mount Isa Mines, said raising awareness of the causes and addressing the occurrence of manual task-related injury has been identified as a key focus area for injury prevention initiatives across Xstrata's north Queensland operations.

"Manual task-related injuries are statistically over-represented throughout the mining industry, and these injuries can have a significant impact on the short and long-term wellbeing of our workers, as well as the productivity and sustainability of our operations," Maryann said.

"The MTRA is a valuable risk mitigation tool in that it educates our people to better understand and observe the hazards they may come across in their work, then helps them consider and select the actions they can take to immediately reduce the risk. This is an important line of defence in protecting our people from workplace injury."

Xstrata was also selected as a finalist in three other categories at the awards; Innovative Mining Solution, Mine Manager of the Year and two finalist placings in the Community Interaction category.

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines and Xstrata Zinc were both selected as finalists for the Community Interaction award. Xstrata Mount Isa Mines' entry highlighted the contributions the business has made to the community of Mount Isa through development of vital services and infrastructure, support of local events, and the commitment of millions of dollars to local health, community, education and capacity building initiatives. Xstrata Zinc's submission illustrated the extensive research undertaken through the 'My Isa' study which sought to understand the needs of Xstrata Zinc employees and their families, with an action plan that looks to support the liveability of Mount Isa for employees and the broader community.

Xstrata Zinc's Black Star Open Cut (BSOC) mine was selected as a finalist for the Innovative Mining Solution award for its industry-leading voids management procedure, which allows the BSOC team to safely and productively mine over and through old underground mine development.

Dr Pengfu Tan, Metallurgy Manager, Mount Isa Copper Smelter was a finalist for Mine Manager of the Year for leading a number of improvement projects which have increased smelter productivity, minimised time lost for shutdown maintenance and resulted in millions of dollars worth of savings for the Xstrata Copper business.



Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland, said it was important to recognise the work of mining industry professionals whose efforts contribute to the progression of Australian mining industry practices.

"These awards highlight the dedication, innovation and professional excellence that drive the economic, health and safety and sustainable development successes of the Australian mining industry," Mr de Kruijff said.

"Xstrata would like to congratulate all of our winners and finalists, and thank them for the valuable contributions they make to our business, the industry, and our local community."

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Founded in 2002 and headquartered in Switzerland, we operate in over 20 countries and employ over 70,000 people at more than 100 operations and projects around the world. We work in a responsible and sustainable way, with an entrepreneurial spirit and dynamic approach. For more information, visit www.xstrata.com

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We are the fourth largest global copper producer and one of the world's largest producers of smelter, refined and recycled copper, including from third party materials.

The copper we produce is essential to our modern society, being used extensively in electronic, consumer and building products, and with its use in green-technologies, anti-microbial applications and ability to be recycled, it is playing a vital role in our sustainable future.

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Zinc is a versatile material that plays a vital role in modern society. It is an essential nutrient in human health and very useful in crop yield improvement. Zinc in galvanizing protects steel against corrosion for its use in automobiles, buildings and others. It is also used for the production of zinc die-casting alloys, brass and oxide, and in manufacturing batteries and other electrical and consumer goods.

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