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Xstrata wins 2012 Queensland Regional Achievement and Community Award

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Xstrata Mount Isa Mines has taken out the 2012 Queensland Regional Achievement and Community award for Business and Employment at a gala presentation dinner in Caloundra on Saturday 3 November.

The award recognises businesses operating in rural or regional areas that contribute to positive regional growth, productivity, leadership, training and employment.

Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland, said the award illustrated the flow-on benefits mining companies can bring to regional Queensland.

"Last year, we contributed about \$1.6 billion to the Queensland economy, and we currently employ about 4,000 people, 99 per cent of whom live in Mount Isa, so we have deep roots in the north west and we're in a strong position to positively contribute to the growth of regional Queensland," Mr de Kruijff said.

"This award pays tribute to the dedication, and continuous improvement culture we have that drives the economic, community involvement and sustainable development successes of our business.

"We are very proud of the contribution we make to the regional economy and the direct community of Mount Isa," Mr de Kruijff said.

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About Xstrata plc

We are a major producer of a range of vital commodities used in everything from constructing buildings and delivering electricity, to developing jet engines and mobile phones. We are one of the top five global



producers of copper, thermal and metallurgical coal, ferrochrome, zinc and nickel and we also produce silver, lead, platinum, gold, cobalt and vanadium.

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

About Xstrata Copper

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.

Headquartered in Brisbane, Australia, we have operations and projects in eight countries and employ over 20,000 people. We play an essential role in the communities in which we live and work, by providing jobs, training, infrastructure, income for suppliers and support for social development.

For more information, visit www.xstratacopper.com

About Xstrata Zinc

Headquartered in Madrid, Spain, we are one of the world's largest vertically integrated producers of zinc, with an annual production of about a million tons of mined zinc. We have operations in Australia, America, and Europe, including world-class mines and deposits in Northern and East Australia, Canada, Peru, and processing and refining facilities in Spain, Germany and the United Kingdom.

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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