



Xstrata reminds Mount Isa residents of Community Feedback free call number during a partial outage of the Acid Plant.

Mount Isa, 8 April

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines advises that from tomorrow (9 April 2013) a section of Incitec Pivot's Acid Plant will be offline for maintenance work for approximately seven days.

Due to the acid plant being at reduced capacity, the Mount Isa community may notice a more visible plume coming from our Copper Smelter stack during this period.

While we will be evaluating our smelting operations on a continuous basis, we encourage residents to please contact our Community Feedback 24 hour hotline on 1800 982 982 if they believe they are being affected by our operations during this period.

Our Air Quality Control (AQC) centre will be monitoring weather patterns as per standard practice and we will reduce our operations if unfavorable weather patterns are predicted.

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines has one of the most intensive air quality monitoring systems of any city in Australia and our AQC staff closely watch our 10 real-time SO₂ monitors placed throughout the community and reduce operations if any unexpected increases on our systems are detected or predicted.

We are continually looking at opportunities to improve our air quality within the Mount Isa district and have committed more than \$360 million to improve our environmental performance over the next five years as part of our Transitional Environmental Program.

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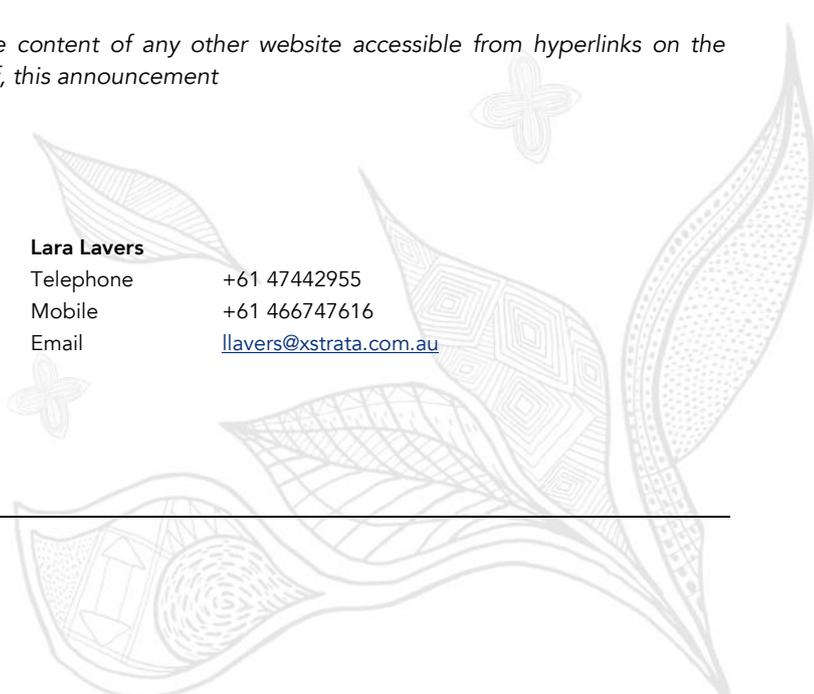
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About Xstrata plc

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

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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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