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Mount Isa Copper Operations provides \$60,000 in in-kind support to Isa's premiere tourist centre

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Mount Isa Copper Operations (MICO) has reaffirmed its long-standing support of Mount Isa's premiere tourist centre Outback at Isa, completing \$60,000 worth of in-kind refurbishment works at the facility's Hard Times Mine.

A team of MICO underground operators have spent the past eight weeks carrying out maintenance and installing vital ground support in areas of the exhibition's 1.5 kilometres of underground tunnels, with rock bolts and support mesh kindly donated by local suppliers.

Mike Westerman General Manager MICO said supporting the Hard Times Mine is important because of the role the centre plays in preserving Mount Isa's rich mining history.

"The centre provides our community with a record of the industry and the people who have shaped our city, how our practices have evolved over the years and the hard work and innovation that have made Mount Isa Mines one of the world's most productive and respected mining operations since ore was first discovered here 90 years ago," Mr Westerman said.

"The Hard Times Mine experience gives visitors a real sense of what it's like to work in an underground mining environment, and the tour provides them with an understanding of what it takes to deliver the minerals required to produce the items we rely on every day."

Outback at Isa hosts about 35,000 visitors every year, with about 7,500 tourists kitting out in orange overalls, steel-caps, hard hats and cap lamps for a tour of the Hard Times Mine.

Katrina Hughes Manager Outback at Isa said the support Mount Isa Mines provides to enrich the Hard Times Mine experience is incalculable.

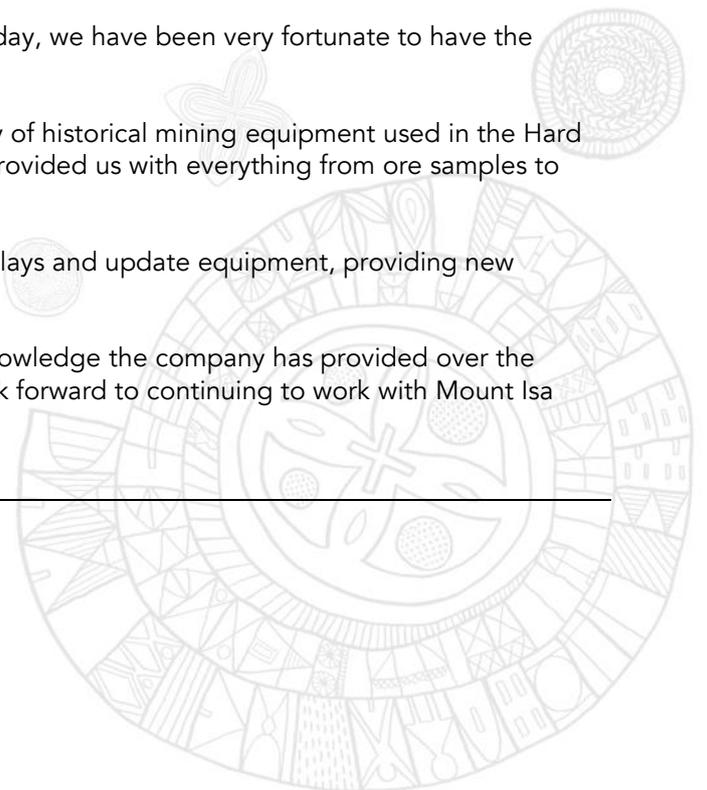
"From the initial development of the Hard Times Mine to today, we have been very fortunate to have the support of Mount Isa Mines," Ms Hughes said.

"Over the years Mount Isa Mines has donated a huge variety of historical mining equipment used in the Hard Times Mine tour, assisted in maintenance and repairs, and provided us with everything from ore samples to gum boots and even mucking units and heavy machinery.

"This allows us to add new features to the tours, refresh displays and update equipment, providing new experiences for visitors and locals alike.

"For us it's not just the material support, it's the skills and knowledge the company has provided over the years. We wouldn't be here without that support and we look forward to continuing to work with Mount Isa Mines for years to come."

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