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ORAL HEALTH BUILDING OPENED WITH THANKS TO XSTRATA'S \$2 MILLION COMMITMENT

Queensland Health today officially opened the new \$6.6 million Mount Isa Oral Health Building with thanks to a \$2 million commitment from Xstrata Mount Isa Mines under its Xstrata Community Program North Queensland.

The Oral Health Building is part of stage one of the Mount Isa Hospital redevelopment which comprises the construction on a new Block D to house mental health, oral health and outpatient services; a new building to house a doctors' lounge and external works including road works, car parking and landscaping.

The completed Oral Health Building houses four dental chairs, a patient waiting area and technical facilities including a modern equipment sterilising room and dental laboratory, and improved staff facilities. It forms part of the \$65.2 million Mount Isa Hospital Redevelopment.

Xstrata Copper North Queensland Chief Operating Officer, Steve de Kruijff, said delivering essential health and dental services is crucial in developing sustainable communities.

"This partnership with Queensland Health reaffirms our commitment to community health and will ensure the Mount Isa community and surrounding communities have access to a modern public dental health facility, while providing important training opportunities for our future dentists," said Mr de Kruijff.

"We are confident the new centre will improve access to dental health services and alleviate waiting times which are often experienced in regional and remote areas.

"Importantly, our partnership decision to invest in this particular infrastructure project is based on the facts and research that show good oral hygiene helps in the fight against diseases such as diabetes and heart disease," he said.

In 2012, the Xstrata Community Program North Queensland entered its eighth year of working in partnership with community organisations and government to address the areas of greatest need in the north Queensland communities where the company's employees live and work.



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The program addresses six key areas, namely enterprise and job creation, education, environment, social and community development, health, and arts and culture.

Since 2005 the Xstrata Community Program North Queensland has made a significant contribution to north Queensland and has provided almost \$25 million funding for projects such as installing computer rooms in local schools, helping to train medical staff, improving medical services, helping disadvantaged people gain skills and jobs.

In 2011 Xstrata Mount Isa Mines also made a \$2 million contribution through this program to enable the redevelopment of the Mount Isa Royal Flying Doctor Service Base to further increase health service delivery in North West Queensland.

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About Mount Isa Mines

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines is a world class mining operation and a significant asset within the Xstrata global portfolio. Xstrata Mount Isa Mines is operated jointly by the Xstrata Copper and Xstrata Zinc business units.

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines processes and mines copper and zinc ore from the Mount Isa, Ernest Henry, George Fisher, Black Star, Handlebar Hill, Enterprise, and X41 ore bodies. Mining is both underground and open-cut. Products marketed by the company for export are: Copper Cathode, Copper Concentrate, Zinc Concentrate, Crude Lead and Tankhouse Slimes (a co-product of copper refining with significant copper, gold and silver content).

With a workforce of over 4,000 employees and contractors, Xstrata Mount Isa Mines is a significant contributor to the local economy, contributing nearly \$2 billion to the local economy in 2009. In 2009-10 Xstrata Mount Isa Mines exported more than \$2.3 billion worth of product, up 22 per cent on last year, and accounting for more than three quarters of total sales.

The company's structure recognises a fully integrated marketing approach blending global marketing intelligence with local logistics, shipping, port and commercial expertise. Commercial and sales staff are located in Townsville and Brisbane.

The company's key export markets include Canada, China, England, Germany, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan.



About Xstrata plc

Xstrata is a global diversified mining group, listed on the London and Swiss Stock Exchanges. Headquartered in Zug, Switzerland, Xstrata maintains a meaningful position in seven major international commodity markets: copper, coking coal, thermal coal, ferrochrome, nickel, vanadium and zinc with additional exposure to gold, cobalt, lead and silver. The Xstrata Group also comprises a growing platinum group metals business, iron ore projects, recycling facilities and a suite of global technology products, many of which are industry leaders. The Group's operations and projects span 20 countries.

About Xstrata Copper

Xstrata Copper is the fourth largest global copper producer with attributable mined production in 2010 of 913,500 tonnes of copper in cathodes and concentrates. The company is also one of the world's largest producers of smelter and refined copper, including from third party materials.

Headquartered in Brisbane, Xstrata Copper is one of the commodity business units within the major global diversified mining group Xstrata plc. Its mining and metallurgical operations and development projects span eight countries: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Peru, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and the USA. Its operations and projects are administered through a regional divisional management structure, which ensures that critical decisions are taken close to the related businesses. It also has a recycling business (Xstrata Recycling) with plants in the United States and offices in Canada and Asia.

About Xstrata Zinc

Headquartered in Madrid, Spain, Xstrata Zinc is one of the world's largest producers of zinc and one of the commodity business units within the major global diversified mining group Xstrata plc. Xstrata's zinc and lead operations and exploration projects are located in Australia, Canada, Germany, Peru, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Xstrata Zinc's operations in Spain comprise the San Juan de Nieva zinc smelter and the Arnao zinc semis plant in Asturias, and the Hinojedo roasting plant in Cantabria.

In Australia, operations comprise: the Mount Isa, George Fisher underground, Handlebar Hill open cut and Black Star open cut zinc-lead mines, zinc-lead concentrator, lead smelter and Bowen Coke Works in north Queensland; the McArthur River open pit zinc-lead mine, processing and loading facility in the Northern Territory; and the Lady Loretta zinc lead deposit in north-west Queensland.

In Canada, operations and exploration projects include the Brunswick zinc-lead mine and lead smelter in New Brunswick; 25% of the CEZ zinc smelter near Montreal; and the Perseverance zinc deposit in Quebec.

Xstrata Zinc also operates the Nordenham zinc smelter in northern Germany; the Northfleet lead refinery in the United Kingdom; and owns 33.75% of the Antamina mine in Peru.

Around half of all zinc currently consumed is used for galvanizing steel, which is an environmentally friendly method of protecting steel against corrosion. Zinc also finds application in the manufacture of die-cast alloys, brass and the production of zinc oxides and chemicals.

