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XSTRATA COPPER A FINALIST IN SEVEN CATEGORIES OF THE 2009 6th AUSTRALIAN MINING PROSPECT AWARDS

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Xstrata Copper North Queensland is proud to announce the company has been selected as a finalist in seven categories of the 6th 2009 Australian Mining Prospect Awards.

The categories in which the company has been selected as a finalist are as follows:

- Metalliferous Mine of the Year (and Australian Mine of the Year)
 - Xstrata Copper's Mount Isa operations
- Best Contribution to Mining
 - Michael Holmes – General Manager Mount Isa Copper Operations (MICO) for the MICO New Starters Training Centre
- Excellence in Occupational Health and Safety
 - Xstrata Copper North Queensland
 - Job Role Criteria
 - Ergonomics Taskforce
 - Ernest Henry Mining – Geotechnical Hazard and Risk Management
- Excellence in Environmental Management
 - Closure Planning Research and Development Program (a joint submission by Xstrata Copper North Queensland Division and Xstrata Zinc Mount Isa)
- Mine Manager of the Year
 - Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer, Xstrata Copper North Queensland Division
- Minerals Processing Plant of the Year
 - Xstrata Copper's Ernest Henry Mining Concentrator
- Innovative Mining Solutions
 - Xstrata Copper's Ernest Henry Mining Rockfall Management

"It is a great achievement for the company to be recognised by the industry for its efforts and contributions to health and safety, training, environmental performance and innovations in mining," said Mr de Kruijff.

"We look forward to attending the Gala Awards Ceremony on 11 November and coming home with an award or two.

"Our selection as finalists in many categories is a great testament to the hard work of our people working in our North Queensland operations," he said.



Michael Holmes, General Manager Mount Isa Copper Operations, said he was pleased to have the nomination of MICO's New Starters Training Centre making the finalist list.

"The New Starter Program is a unique initiative as it provides the opportunity for new starters to learn skills in a controlled work environment, preparing them for the mining environment and ensuring they are 'work ready'," said Mr Holmes.

"The award nomination is a big pat on the back to our dedicated staff and trainers who have put together a first-class training program."

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Xstrata Plc

Xstrata is a major global diversified mining group, listed on the London and Zurich 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 recycling facilities and additional exposures to gold, cobalt, lead and silver and a suite of global technologies, many of which are industry leaders. The Group's operations and projects span 18 countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Germany, New Caledonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, the USA and the UK. Xstrata employs approximately 43,000 people, including contractors.

Xstrata Copper

Xstrata Copper is headquartered in Brisbane, Australia, with regional offices in Santiago and Antofagasta, Chile; Lima and Arequipa, Peru; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Toronto, Canada, and is one of the commodity business units within the major global diversified mining group Xstrata plc.

Xstrata Copper's mining operations and projects span seven countries and include mines, mineral processing plants and port facilities in North Queensland, Australia; mining and processing operations and port facilities in Chile, Peru and Argentina in South America; and mining and processing plants in Canada. It also has a recycling business (Noranda Recycling) with facilities in Canada, the United States and Asia.

Xstrata Copper is the fourth largest global copper producer, with annual managed production of over one million tonnes.

Xstrata Zinc

Xstrata Zinc is one of the world's largest producers of zinc. 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.

Xstrata's zinc and lead operations are located in Australia, Canada, Germany, Peru, Spain and the UK. They comprise: the San Juan de Nieva zinc smelter and the Arnao zinc semis plant in Asturias, Spain; the Hinojedo roasting plant in Cantabria, Spain; the Nordenham zinc smelter in northern Germany; the Mount Isa, George Fisher and Black Star zinc-lead mines and lead smelter in Queensland, Australia; McArthur River zinc-lead mine in the Northern Territory, Australia; the Northfleet lead refinery located in the UK; the Brunswick zinc-lead mine and lead smelter in New Brunswick, Canada, 25% of the CEZ zinc smelter near Montreal, Canada; 50% of Lennard Shelf zinc lead mine in Western Australia; 75% of Lady Loretta zinc lead deposit in Queensland, Australia; 33.75% of Antamina mine in Peru and the Perseverance zinc deposit in Quebec.