



MEDIA STATEMENT

Xstrata Copper North Queensland participates in Federal Government's Renewable Energy Roundtable

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In participating in the Renewable Energy Roundtable, chaired by the Federal Treasurer and the Federal Minister for Energy and Resources, Xstrata Copper reinforced the renewable energy opportunities on offer to support the north west Queensland minerals province rich in natural resources.

Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland Division, said understanding how the region's rich supply of renewable resources might be developed as part of the Federal Government's policy to achieve 20 per cent renewables by 2020, and form part of the plan to secure a long term, reliable and competitively priced energy supply for the region is an exciting prospect.

"We would also like to be able to purchase requirements of renewable energy certificates (RECs) from sources in north west Queensland if they can be produced here to support further investment in the region," said Mr de Kruijff.

"Along with the other large energy users in the region, we are still assessing information about the various energy supply options available and at this stage we don't have a preferred solution."

Xstrata Copper does not expect any large energy demand increases by its North Queensland operations by 2012.

"We are focussed on extending the life of all of our current mines. Ensuring long term competitive energy supply is critical to achieving this," said Mr de Kruijff.

"With reliable and competitively priced energy, Xstrata Copper not only expects that current mines will be sustained, but that a new generation of mines will be developed over the next five to 10 years, and increased exploration will be attracted to the region if it is well served with critical infrastructure services."

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ABOUT XSTRATA PLC

Xstrata is a global diversified mining group, listed on the London and Swiss Stock Exchanges, with its headquarters in Zug, Switzerland. Xstrata's businesses maintain a meaningful position in seven major international commodity markets: copper, coking coal, thermal coal, ferrochrome, nickel, vanadium and zinc, with a growing platinum group metals business, additional exposures to gold, cobalt, lead and silver, recycling facilities and a suite of global technology products, many of which are industry leaders. The Group's operations and projects span 19 countries.

ABOUT XSTRATA COPPER

Headquartered in Brisbane, Xstrata Copper is one of the commodity business units within the major global diversified mining group Xstrata plc. Its operations and projects span eight countries: Australia, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Canada, the USA, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea. Its operations are administered by five separate divisions, based close to the mining operations, namely the North Queensland, Minera Alumbrera, North Chile, Southern Peru and Canada divisions. It also has a recycling business (Xstrata Recycling) with plants in the United States and offices in Canada and Asia.

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