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## Xstrata Mount Isa Mines Community Information Session

Mount Isa, 29 May 2012

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines will hold a Community Information Session today (30 May) at the Red Earth Ball Room from 5:30pm.

Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer, Xstrata Copper North Queensland and Brian Hearne, Chief Operating Officer, Xstrata Zinc Australia will provide updates on Xstrata's copper and zinc operations and highlight the progress of major business development projects such as the Mount Isa Open Pit and the Black Star South Expansion.

Updates on Mount Isa Mine's health and safety, environmental and operational performances are to be covered during the session and our 2011 Xstrata Copper North Queensland Sustainable Development Report will be launched.

Ashley Rae, Manager New Business at Virgin Australia will be present to outline our new partnership with Virgin Australia which will see the airline fly between Mount Isa and Brisbane five days a week Monday to Friday from early August. Virgin Australia and Xstrata have also donated return flights for two people and three night's accommodation in Brisbane as a lucky door prize for attendees on the night.

Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer, Xstrata Copper North Queensland, said he is pleased to deliver the first of three Community Information Sessions in 2012.

"Our Community Information Sessions are a vital outlet to maintain stakeholder relationships and keep the local community well informed," said Steve.

"Based on past experience we expect there to be a lot of interest in our current projects and our new partnership with Virgin Australia," he said.

Following the session's formal proceedings attendees are encouraged to ask questions about Xstrata's operations and new partnership with Virgin Australia.

An opportunity to network with Senior Management team representatives will be available.

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## Notes to editors

### 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](http://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](http://www.xstratacopper.com)

### About Xstrata Zinc

Headquartered in Madrid, Spain, we are one of the world's largest vertically integrated producers of zinc, with an annual production of about a million tons of mined zinc. We have operations in Australia, America, and Europe, including world-class mines and deposits in Northern and East Australia, Canada, Peru, and processing and refining facilities in Spain, Germany and the United Kingdom.

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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