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Xstrata Mount Isa Mines' neighbourly gesture to the Kalkadoon community

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Xstrata Mount Isa Mines will warmly welcome the Directors of Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd to its operations on Monday as part of the company's inaugural three-day 'Good Neighbour Workshop' initiative.

Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland, and Brian Hearne, Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Zinc Australia, said the event was a sign of the company's commitment to the ongoing building of the relationship with the Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd (KCPL) and its people.

"The aim of the 'Good Neighbour Workshop', which will also involve a site visit to some of our key project areas, is to foster open and transparent communication between Xstrata Mount Isa Mines and the Kalkadoon Community," said Mr de Kruijff.

"The KCPL is a valued stakeholder of the company so we're pleased to be able to provide its Board of Directors the opportunity to not only understand and learn more about our operations as well as some of our critical projects, but also to meet our senior management teams and learn about why we do things the way we do."

Mr Hearne said Xstrata Mount Isa Mines recognised the importance of sharing information and knowledge of its operations with key stakeholders of the local community and the workshop and site visit for KCPL was no exception.

"What's unique about this event is that we are trying to encourage the Kalkadoon community to see themselves as partners in the planning processes of our Mount Isa operations," said Mr Hearne.

"We are taking this proactive approach because we value the importance and input of KCPL and because both parties understand we are here for the long term."

Doug Bruce, Chairman of KCPL, said he was pleased with the opportunity to further build a relationship with the mining sector, particularly with Xstrata Mount Isa Mines.

"This event comes on top of the recent \$4.5 million Thilimarri Place residential precinct opening in which we were consulted by Xstrata Mount Isa Mines in the development of the project," said Mr Bruce.

“I am confident this can only further strengthen the partnership between KCPL and Xstrata Mount Isa Mines, and will help our Board of Directors build our knowledge of their operations and people.”

The workshop, running from 2-4 November, will provide an overview of Xstrata Mount Isa Mines, the company’s broader goals, its significant projects, and the major operational achievements of the Mount Isa site.

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