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Xstrata North Queensland to Survey Local Communities

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Xstrata's north Queensland operations have commenced a community survey for residents in Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Bowen and Townsville on their perceptions of the company and views on various community issues.

The survey will be conducted over the next few weeks and Xstrata would like to ask residents in these communities to participate in the survey, if possible.

General Manager Sustainable Development, Nathan Pike, said the survey would help Xstrata understand the views of people living near the company's operations.

"We want to know what issues residents think are important in their respective communities, their level of recognition of the company's corporate social involvement programs, and whether they want more information from the company on specific topics, projects or issues.

"We believe it is very important for the company to be seeking feedback from residents as to whether they think we are supporting the most appropriate areas of need in their communities," he said.

The information collected will be used to help improve the way the company and its operations communicate with local residents, and the way Xstrata's north Queensland operations address issues that residents believe are important.

An independent market research company will carry out the survey. Up to 300 people over 18 years of age will be surveyed by telephone in each community. Telephone numbers will be selected randomly, and the identities of those who participate will remain confidential and information provided by community members will not be linked to them personally. Xstrata will not receive the names, addresses or phone numbers of those who participate or be able to identify them in any way.

Results of the survey will be communicated to residents through future community information sessions, company newsletters, and local media outlets from September this year.

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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.

