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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**XSTRATA SKILLS CENTRE APPRENTICES SHINE AT NAIDOC '2 DEADLY'  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Mount Isa, 11 July 2011

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines is proud to announce that two of its apprentices have been recognised at the inaugural 2011 Mount Isa NAIDOC '2Deadly' Achievement Awards, held in Mount Isa on Saturday night.

Fourth year apprentice Melinda Rankine has been awarded the *Indigenous Apprentice of the Year – Mount Isa and Regional Award*. While first year apprentice Kieran Punch has been awarded the *Encouragement Award – Indigenous Trainee*.

Melinda began her Certificate III Engineering – Metal Fabrication in 2008 which she is due to complete this year. Melinda is currently based at Xstrata's Site Services Department where she undertakes a variety of welding applications ranging from conveyor drums to structural beams.

Kieran is currently completing a Certificate III in Engineering – Metal Fabrication, having completed year 12 in 2010, and has a passion for boilermaking. Last year Kieran was awarded the Xstrata Skills Centre's *School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award*.

General Manager Human Resources Xstrata Copper Queensland, Tony Page, said that it was important to celebrate the achievements of Indigenous employees who have built successful careers in the mining industry.

"These awards are an opportunity to place the spotlight on Indigenous apprentices and employees who have advanced within their chosen field.

In addition to the NAIDOC '2 Deadly' Achievement Awards, Kieran Punch is also a finalist in the 2011 Queensland Training Awards for the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award* which will be announced on 16 July in Townsville.

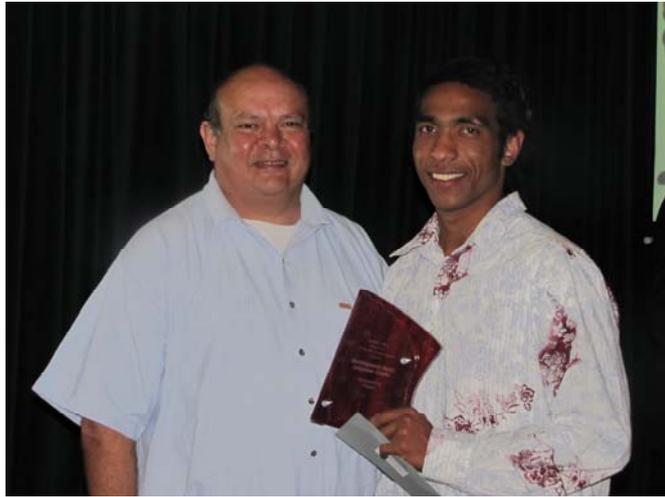
The awards capped off NAIDOC Week celebrations last week which was supported by Xstrata Mount Isa Mines through sponsorship of the annual Elders Luncheon and participation in the Family Fun Day at George McCoy Park.



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Melinda Rankine accepting the Indigenous Apprentice of the Year – Mount Isa and Regional Award from Ms Elizabeth Dunn.



Kieran Punch accepting the Encouragement Award – Indigenous Trainee from Mr Gary Cummins

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About Mount Isa Mines



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Xstrata Mount Isa Mines is a world class mining operation and a significant asset within the Xstrata global portfolio. Xstrata Mount Isa Mines is operated jointly by the Xstrata Copper and Xstrata Zinc business units.

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines processes and mines copper and zinc ore from the Mount Isa, Ernest Henry, George Fisher, Black Star, Handlebar Hill, Enterprise, and X41 ore bodies. Mining is both underground and open-cut. Products marketed by the company for export are: Copper Cathode, Copper Concentrate, Zinc Concentrate, Crude Lead and Tankhouse Slimes (a co-product of copper refining with significant copper, gold and silver content).

With a workforce of over 4,000 employees and contractors, Xstrata Mount Isa Mines is a significant contributor to the local economy, contributing nearly \$2 billion to the local economy in 2009. In 2009-10 Xstrata Mount Isa Mines exported more than \$2.3 billion worth of product, up 22 per cent on last year, and accounting for more than three quarters of total sales.

The company's structure recognises a fully integrated marketing approach blending global marketing intelligence with local logistics, shipping, port and commercial expertise. Commercial and sales staff are located in Townsville and Brisbane.

The company's key export markets include Canada, China, England, Germany, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan.

#### 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.



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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.

