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**XSTRATA SKILLS CENTRE APPRENTICES TELL THEIR STORIES
AT THE FOGS EXPO**

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Xstrata Mount Isa Mines is hoping to attract its future trainees and apprentices at the Former Origin Greats (FOGS) Indigenous Employment and Career Expo tomorrow.

Xstrata supports the FOGS Expo with an exhibit that offers employment opportunities and advice on how to join the mining industry.

Staff from the Xstrata Skills Centre will present at the 11am Locker Room presentation on its apprenticeship program which will be accepting applications in August 2011 for the 2012 intake.

Xstrata's Human Resources team will also be there to discuss current job vacancies.

The Xstrata Skills Centre's display will be hosted by some of its current Indigenous trainees and apprentices who will tell their story on how they made the transition from being a school leaver or job seeker to working for Xstrata Mount Isa Mines.

One of Xstrata's ambassadors is first year apprentice Kieran Punch who will be at the FOGS expo on Wednesday handing out job profile brochures and telling his story.

Kieran is a finalist in the 2011 Queensland Training Awards for the Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year as well as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award.

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

"I expect to complete my apprenticeship in four years and have a goal of gaining a full time position with Xstrata as a boilermaker, tradesperson or in another field that may be beneficial to further my career prospects with the company," said Kieran.



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When not undertaking training at the Xstrata Skills Centre, Kieran plays in the centres for Under 18's *Townies* and captained the 2010 Under 18's Premiership team. He will be a key player for the *Young Guns* Xstrata Skills Centre team for the Battle of the Mines competition later this year.

The Mount Isa FOGS Indigenous Employment and Career Expo will be held at the Xstrata Entertainment Centre at Buchanan Park tomorrow from 9am.

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About Mount Isa Mines

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. 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.

