



**MOUNT ISA
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MEDIA RELEASE

Xstrata brings joy to local children

Mount Isa, Wednesday 21 December 2011

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines has today (21 December) donated more than 280 children's show bags left over from the company's Christmas parties to Good Shepherd Catholic Church and Mount Isa hospital, ensuring children from babies through to 12 year olds receive a gift for Christmas.

The Winnie the Pooh, Dora the Explorer, Spiderman, Cars and Hannah Montana themed gifts will be distributed to Mount Isa children this week when Father Mick from the Good Shepherd Catholic Church delivers the show bags to a number of community groups.

Father Mick said the gifts would benefit many families in the Mount Isa community, starting first with the Yallabee community and also involving families who have participated in the Murri Court Men's and Women's Groups in Mount Isa.

"Christmas is a time of giving, sharing and celebration but some families do struggle at this time of year. With Xstrata's support, we can provide gifts to children who wouldn't usually receive too much on Christmas day," Father Mick said.

"Seeing the children's excitement when they receive a gift really highlights how companies can lend a hand over the Christmas period and be a genuine part of the community," he said.

Mike Westerman General Manager Mount Isa Copper Operations said Xstrata was pleased to be able to give back to the community during the festive season.

"This is the second year we've donated children's show bags to the community and it's fantastic to know that the initiative is helping Father Mick ensure that every child receives a gift this Christmas in Mount Isa," he said.

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Image: High-res attached.



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(Caption) Mike Westerman General Manager Mount Isa Copper Operations hands Father Mick Christmas show bags to distribute to local children.

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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 Lady Loretta zinc lead mine 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.

