



PRESS RELEASE

Xstrata gets behind Great Western Games

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Xstrata is proud to once again be naming rights sponsor of the 2013 Great Western Games to be held 13-21 July.

As a moving feast of sport and activities, the Western Games gives youth in Mount Isa, Cloncurry and surrounding regions similar opportunities that are available to people living in coastal and metropolitan areas.

Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Office Xstrata Copper North Queensland says he is looking forward to what is sure to be an outstanding showcase of sporting ability.

"The 2011 Great Western Games were a resounding success and we know the North Queensland Sports Foundation is keen to ensure this year's event is bigger and better than before," says Steve.

"The Western Games will help our local athletes and teams build a strong regional sporting identity," he says.

"It will also give many sporting groups an opportunity to compete against opponents they would never normally get a chance to.

"Coming on board as major sponsor of the 2013 Xstrata Great Western Games builds on our commitment to local sport after we recently announced partnerships to refurbish the Mount Isa Multi-Purpose and Recreation Centre and heat the Mount Isa Aquatic Centre."

It is anticipated that more than 20 sports will be played during the Western Games with individual events located in Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Richmond, Hughenden and Charters Towers.

At Xstrata, we pride ourselves on giving back to the communities in which we operate. Since 2005 we have committed over \$30 million to our north Queensland communities through community partnerships, sponsorships, donations, fundraising activities and social infrastructure projects.

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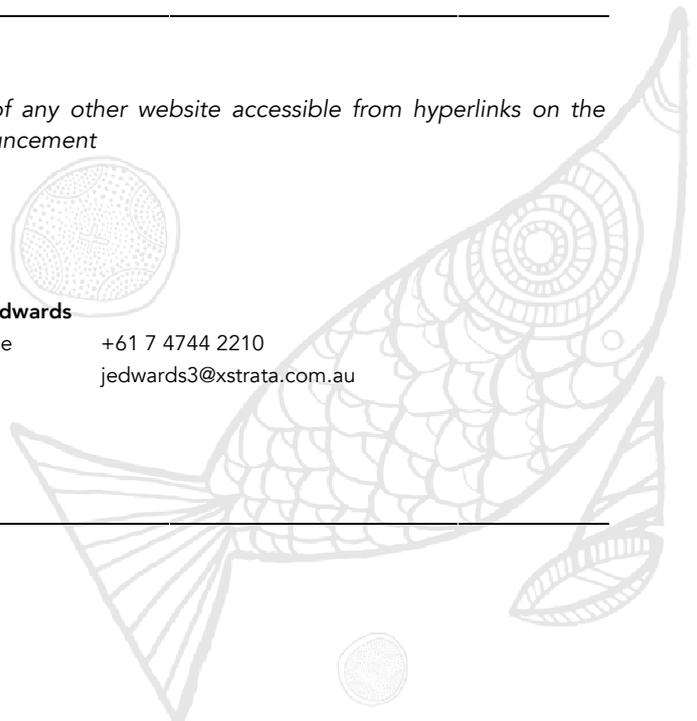
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We are a major producer of a range of vital commodities used in everything from constructing buildings and delivering electricity, to developing jet engines and mobile phones. We are one of the top five global producers of copper, thermal and metallurgical coal, ferrochrome, zinc and nickel and we also produce silver, lead, platinum, gold, cobalt and vanadium.

Founded in 2002 and headquartered in Switzerland, we operate in over 20 countries and employ over 70,000 people at more than 100 operations and projects around the world. We work in a responsible and sustainable way, with an entrepreneurial spirit and dynamic approach. For more information, visit www.xstrata.com

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