



PRESS RELEASE

Xstrata gets behind NAIDOC

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For the 10th consecutive year, Xstrata Mount Isa Mines will support our local National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week celebrations being held in Mount Isa this month.

As part of our contribution we have donated \$6,000 towards the annual Elder's Luncheon, being held at the Overlander Hotel. The event is a celebration of our Indigenous Elders, with Elders from Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Camooweal and Dajarra invited to be treated to a three course meal, entertainment and an opportunity to share their memories of the past years with others. Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland said over the past decade Xstrata Mount Isa Mines has been committed to supporting local NAIDOC events and looks forward to this year's celebrations.

"I would like to acknowledge all the work achieved by the local NAIDOC Committee in planning a fantastic week of family friendly events for the Mount Isa community," said Mr de Kruijff.

NAIDOC week is celebrated not only by Indigenous communities, but also Australians from all walks of life.

The 2012 NAIDOC celebrations is themed *Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on*. This is in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and acknowledgment of the key contributors of its long history.

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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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We are the fourth largest global copper producer and one of the world's largest producers of smelter, refined and recycled copper, including from third party materials.

The copper we produce is essential to our modern society, being used extensively in electronic, consumer and building products, and with its use in green-technologies, anti-microbial applications and ability to be recycled, it is playing a vital role in our sustainable future.

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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 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.