



PRESS RELEASE

Xstrata ready to defend Mining Expo's *People's Choice* title

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After scooping the People's Choice Award pool in 2011, Xstrata has set the bar even higher in its bid to take out the 2012 award for its display at the Xstrata Mount Isa Mines Expo.

Eager to defend the title, we have ensured our display will be even more hands-on, fun, and amusing than last year's exhibit, with an extensive range of activities on offer for visitors of all ages.

An all-age favourite, the interactive Mines Rescue display has a new and improved tunnel allowing participants to carry out rescue missions and an Emergency Refuge Bay for people to increase their understanding of the emergency equipment used in an underground mine.

Our Environmental team has also pulled out all the stops this year, and is sure to blow spectators away with their massive fish tank full of amphibious creatures, a replica model of the Copper Smelter and Acid Plant and their brand new mobile sulfur dioxide monitor.

Kids can come and test their push-up ability and grip strength at our Health and Safety department's brand new "I am Awesome Fit" challenge, and at the same time be in the running to win one of two brand new laptop computers. Adults are invited to take advantage of the free mini health checks taking place at the Xstrata and Kinetic Health Surveillance Van and have a chat nearby with Queensland Health and Mount Isa Physiotherapy representatives. Switch on to Safety is another expo highlight with its fun and interactive game-show and pop-up cinema sure to keep visitors entertained while they learn important safety messages.

Come and 'Try a Trade' thanks to our Skills Centre apprentices who will be showcasing a fully operational display, allowing participants to learn more about the craftsmanship behind becoming a qualified Electrical, Fabricating, Diesel Fitting, and Fitting and Turning Tradesperson. The Skills Centre's school based apprentices will also be on hand to answer visitor's questions.

Visitors will be able to learn more about our operations with a number of our geologists, mining engineers and metallurgists on hand to explain everything from exploration right through to processing. Kids and adults alike will enjoy using our remote control loaders and will even be able to create authentic concentrate froth with our miniature flotation cell.

Another crowd favourite, the Green Screen will be back in action this year featuring brand new Mount Isa backdrops to pose in front of with a takeaway photo memento.

A new feature at this year's display includes information about the long-term solution for our operations in the region - the Mount Isa Open Pit Project. Factsheets and an informative PowerPoint will be on display so don't miss the opportunity to come down and ask the project team questions about this exciting potential new project.

Representatives from Ernest Henry Mining and Lady Loretta, Xstrata Zinc's underground mine in construction, will also be on hand to answer questions about their underground mining and magnetite projects.

Anyone interested in pursuing a career in mining should visit our Xstrata Careers booth where both Xstrata Copper and Xstrata Zinc Human Resources representatives will be equipped with useful material to provide to visitors.

Three of our community partners, the North West Wildlife Carer's Group, the Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group and the Stride Foundation, will be joining our display as special guests, with all three groups armed with exciting activities to keep both kids and adults entertained.

The North West Wildlife Carer's Group will showcase their work with endangered wildlife between 1pm and 2pm each day, bringing down some of their cutest and most cuddly Joey's for visitors to admire.

The Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group will test budding fishermen's skills with their casting competition, a game popular with all generations.

The Stride Foundation will promote the importance of physical activity and keep kids active by running special 10-minute sports coaching workshops for school children.

The Xstrata Mount Isa Mines display will be located at the Xstrata Entertainment Centre at Buchanan Park and is open from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday 16 May, 10am to 8pm on Thursday 17 May, and 10am to 3pm on Friday 18 May.

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About Xstrata plc

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

About Xstrata Copper

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.

Headquartered in Brisbane, Australia, we have operations and projects in eight countries and employ over 20,000 people. We play an essential role in the communities in which we live and work, by providing jobs, training, infrastructure, income for suppliers and support for social development. For more information, visit www.xstratacopper.com

About Xstrata Zinc

Headquartered in Madrid, Spain, we are one of the world's largest vertically integrated producers of zinc, with an annual production of about a million tons of mined zinc. We have operations in Australia, America, and Europe, including world-class mines and deposits in Northern and East Australia, Canada, Peru, and processing and refining facilities in Spain, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Zinc is a versatile material that plays a vital role in modern society. It is an essential nutrient in human health and very useful in crop yield improvement. Zinc in galvanizing protects steel against corrosion for its use in automobiles, buildings and others. It is also used for the production of zinc die-casting alloys, brass and oxide, and in manufacturing batteries and other electrical and consumer goods.

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