



**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **XSTRATA LAUNCHES ITS \$4.84 MILLION 2007 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IN QUEENSLAND**

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Xstrata today launched its 2007 Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland, bringing its support of health, social and community and education initiatives across the State to more than \$10 million.

The program was officially launched by The Hon Anna Bligh MP Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure at a special function at the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane attended by representatives of the program's partners, as well as members of the business community, government and Xstrata employees.

Charlie Sartain, Chief Executive Xstrata Copper, said: "Following its successful first year, the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland has been extended in 2007 to include four new partnerships and now has a combined program value of \$4.84 million.

"Together Xstrata's Queensland and north Queensland community partnership programs are now delivering over \$10 million to support communities throughout the State.

"It gives us great pleasure to welcome our latest partners - Australian Red Cross, Lifeline, Save the Children, and The Salvation Army - to the program.

"The program has delivered significant outcomes and positively impacted the lives of many Queenslanders and their families. We congratulate our partners on their outstanding achievements and thank them for their dedication and continued support."

Peter Coates, Chief Executive Xstrata Coal, said: "The new partnerships for 2007 will provide significant funding towards a 24-hour telephone counselling service, improve the speech of disabled people, help the development of disadvantaged children through a mobile play scheme, and help Indigenous community organisations.

"The program highlights Xstrata's strong and ongoing commitment to Queensland and our belief that the community should benefit from our operations both in the short and long term.

"We look forward to this new chapter in the growth of Xstrata's Corporate Social Involvement and sharing the benefits of our continued growth with our employees, communities and partner organisations through this exciting program."

The Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland focuses on three specific areas – health, social and community development, and education. In 2006, the program comprised six Queensland partnerships – the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, Leukaemia

Foundation, Centacare, The University of Queensland, The Wesley Research Institute, and Tennis Queensland.

In its first year the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland delivered two next generation telepaediatric robots at hospitals in Mount Isa and Emerald; supported important research into chronic wounds, prostate cancer, and cardiovascular complications; contributed to new accommodation and support centre facilities for leukaemia patients and their families; helped Queensland children with socialisation difficulties realise their potential; and introduced tennis development programs to five regional centres.

The program was developed on behalf of Xstrata's three commodity businesses operating in Queensland – copper, coal and zinc – as a natural extension of the company's north Queensland program which commenced in 2005.

The program's key areas of support reflect Xstrata's Corporate Social Involvement policy and guidelines, which set out a commitment to support initiatives that benefit the communities that host Xstrata's operations, employees and their families. Xstrata plc contributes at least one percent of its pre-tax profit to community initiatives. In 2006, Xstrata set aside US\$49 million globally to support communities associated with its operations.

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**Note to editors:**

Xstrata's three commodity businesses operating in Queensland – copper, zinc and coal – run 10 major operations and employ in excess of 6,000 people throughout the State. The operations include copper and zinc mines in Mount Isa, the Ernest Henry copper-gold mine near Cloncurry, the Townsville copper refinery and port operations, and coking and thermal coal mines in central Queensland.

Xstrata is a major 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 a smaller but profitable aluminium business, recycling facilities, additional exposures to gold, lead and silver and a suite of global technologies, many of which are industry leaders. The Group's operations and projects span 19 countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Jamaica, New Caledonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, the USA and the UK.

For further information on the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland, Xstrata Community Partnership Program North Queensland and Xstrata Coal's Corporate Social Involvement program: <http://www.xstrata.com/sustainability/social/corporate>

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## **INFORMATION ON XSTRATA'S PARTNERS IN THIS PROGRAM**

### **NEW PARTNERSHIPS:**

#### **The Salvation Army**

*"Xstrata's support of Salvo Care Line in Queensland ensures that 24 hours a day, seven days a week, there's always someone to care for Queenslanders facing a crisis, loneliness, depression or isolation." - Paul Reis, Business Appeal Coordinator, The Salvation Army.*

The Salvo Care Line provides a telephone counselling, information and referral service. Between 2007 and 2009 the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland is providing \$600,000 to the Salvation Army to continue the life-saving community work of this service, to employ additional counsellors and train volunteers.

#### **Australian Red Cross**

*"Partnering with Xstrata will enable Australian Red Cross to provide an innovative new program supporting Indigenous community agencies to improve the lives of vulnerable people." – Greg Goebel, Queensland Executive Director, Australian Red Cross.*

Over three years from 2007, the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland is providing \$351,000 for the Indigenous Support Program to enable Australian Red Cross to work directly with up to 15 community organisations helping them build their knowledge, confidence and organisational capacity, focussing on improving financial management, operational management and governance and to assist them in finding lasting solutions to the social issues experienced in their communities.

#### **Lifeline Community Care**

*"Xstrata's foresight in funding the speech and language support program will significantly and permanently enhance the quality of life for clients with a disability, their families and carers. This is a ground breaking program that will positively impact on the lives of over a hundred people supported by Lifeline Community Care." - Trevor Carlyon, Executive Director, Lifeline Community Care.*

From 2007, the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland is providing \$510,000 over three years to Lifeline's Community Care Disability Division for speech and language support for clients with a disability. The Xstrata Speech and Language Support Program will enable Lifeline to provide speech therapy and related services and resources to a range of individuals with disabilities across Queensland.

#### **Save the Children**

*"Xstrata's commitment to funding the expansion of the Mobile Playscheme will bring a valuable service to families and children living in Townsville through the types of experiences vital to development in the early childhood years". - Lynn Thompson, Queensland Executive Officer, Save the Children.*

The Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland is providing \$453,000 over three years from 2007 to enable Save the Children to extend its Mobile Playscheme program to Townsville. The Mobile Playscheme will make weekly visits to sites in the Townsville area to conduct two hour developmentally focussed playgroup sessions during school terms and will run youth and family programs outside of school term.

## **EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS:**

### **Royal Children's Hospital Foundation**

*"Xstrata's commitment to funding telepaediatric services has allowed us to expand on the success of the first robot and to provide this innovative service to other regional communities, including Mount Isa and Emerald."* - Karenlee Spillane, Chief Executive Officer, the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation

Located at the Royal Children's Hospital, The University of Queensland's Centre for Online Health constructed a telemedicine system - known as Roy the Robot - that is mobile and wireless and can be easily transported to the bedside of patients to allow consultation with a specialist in a major hospital hundreds of kilometres away.

The Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland is providing \$335,000 over three years (2006-2008) to the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation to expand the Centre for Online Health's telehealth facilities and services to regional Queensland hospitals.

### **Leukaemia Foundation**

*"Xstrata's substantial contribution towards the new patient accommodation and support centre The Clem Jones-Sunland Leukaemia Foundation Village in Brisbane is a highlight in the Leukaemia Foundation's campaign to raise funds for this very vital service to rural and regional leukaemia patients and families."* – Peter Johnstone, Chief Executive Officer, Leukaemia Foundation.

From 2006 to 2008, the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland is providing \$400,000 to the Leukaemia Foundation. This includes \$200,000 for four units at the Leukaemia Foundation's new \$7.5 million accommodation village at Nathan in Brisbane. Construction began in 2006 and the village should be open to patients and their families from mid-2007. In addition, the partnership will provide \$100,000 a year in 2007 and 2008 for the Xstrata Research Fellowship.

### **The Wesley Research Institute**

*"The Xstrata Medical Research program will allow The Wesley Research Institute to continue three important medical research projects that will improve the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders and people everywhere."* - Professor Julie Campbell, Director, The Wesley Research Institute.

The Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland's \$690,000 partnership (2006 – 2008) with the Wesley Research Institute will fund research into chronic wounds therapy, prostate cancer treatment and cardiovascular complications, and an Xstrata Post-Doctoral Fellowship. This three year partnership will have both short and long-term local, national and international benefits for improved patient care and clinical practices.

### **Centacare**

*"The Xstrata Family Support Program provides vital funds to support existing Centacare programs to give significant assistance to Queensland children with socialisation difficulties and to help us ensure more children find ways to realise their potential."* - Peter Selwood, Executive Director, Centacare.

From 2006 to 2008, the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland is providing \$600,000 to support two of Centacare's existing children's programs. The 'Kids Business – Everyone's Business' and the 'I Can' programs aim to provide assistance to Queensland children experiencing socialisation difficulties.

### **Tennis Queensland**

*"The Xstrata Regional Development Program is leading the way in terms of allowing junior players from regional areas to receive similar training and opportunities to those juniors based in major cities such as Brisbane. This comprehensive program will be the catalyst for the development of the next wave of elite players from regional Queensland."* - Stephen Ayles, Chief Executive Officer, Tennis Queensland

The Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland's partnership with Tennis Queensland's will help bring more tennis programs to regional Queensland. Funding of \$450,000 over three years (2006-2008) will support player development initiatives and provide opportunities for young players through the Xstrata Regional Development Program.

### **The University of Queensland**

*"Xstrata has shown great vision in sponsoring the Chair of Metallurgical Engineering. The agreement will further strengthen engineering teaching and research, encouraging more students to study in the field."* - University of Queensland Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Hay, AC.

From 2006 to 2008 the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland is providing \$450,000 to co-fund the establishment of the Xstrata Chair of Metallurgical Engineering at The University of Queensland. This is part of Xstrata's 10 year, \$1.5 million commitment to this initiative. The funds are being used to oversee and guide the implementation of a new Bachelor of Engineering double major in Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering.

