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XSTRATA ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TO EXTEND DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES IN REGIONAL QUEENSLAND.

Mount Isa, Friday 2 May 2008

Xstrata today committed \$677,000 over three years to extend domestic and family violence support services in northern and central Queensland in partnership with the Queensland Department of Communities.

Funded through the Xstrata Community Partnership Program Queensland, the initiative will establish a men's perpetrator service, comprising a men's perpetrator worker and part-time women's advocate, based in Mount Isa to support communities in the Gulf and north Queensland region. It will also extend existing domestic and family violence counselling and support services in the Bowen Basin and central Queensland region.

Speaking on behalf of Xstrata, Mr Steve de Kruijff, Chief Operating Officer, Xstrata Copper North Queensland Division, said the partnership would make a long-term and positive contribution to regional Queensland.

"This important initiative will help increase the support available to individuals and families impacted by domestic and family violence as well as the range of services available to perpetrators of violence.

"At Xstrata, we are committed to supporting the communities in which we operate and we believe these valuable services will make a significant difference to the safety and wellbeing of Queensland families," he said.

The Honourable Lindy Nelson-Carr MP, Minister for Communities, announced the partnership at the official launch of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month 2008 in Mount Isa.

Speaking at the launch Ms Nelson-Carr said, "This year's Domestic and Family Violence Prevention campaign urges people who use violence or abuse in their relationships to seek help to stop their unacceptable behaviour.

"Xstrata's partnership with the Queensland Department of Communities is a great example of the government and the corporate sector working in partnership for the benefit of the community."

The new partnership is part of the \$7.8 million Xstrata Community Partnership Program in Queensland, which supports a range of State-wide initiatives in the areas of health, social and community development and education. Together the Xstrata Community Partnership

Programs in Queensland and north Queensland are delivering almost \$19 million in support to communities throughout the State.

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