



XSTRATA NAMED AS MINING SECTOR LEADER IN THE DOW JONES SUSTAINABILITY INDEX FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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Xstrata plc ("Xstrata") announces that it has been named as the Mining Sector Leader in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index ("DJSI") for 2009/2010 for the third consecutive year.

The DJSI invites the world's largest 2,500 companies to participate in its annual survey, which is based on general as well as industry-specific sustainability trends. The assessment covers economic, environmental and social performance with a clear focus on long-term shareholder value creation. A Sector Leader is identified as the company best prepared to seize the opportunities and manage the risks deriving from economic, environmental and social developments in each sector and is the company with the best overall score of all sector companies independently assessed.

Asset managers in 16 countries have licensed the DJSI indexes to manage a variety of sustainability-driven portfolios and DJSI-based investment vehicles manage around \$8 billion of assets in total. Xstrata plc is included in the Dow Jones STOXX and World Indices of sustainability leaders.

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Xstrata is a global diversified mining group, listed on the London and Swiss Stock Exchanges, with its headquarters in Zug, Switzerland. Xstrata's businesses maintain a meaningful position in

seven major international commodity markets: copper, coking coal, thermal coal, ferrochrome, nickel, vanadium and zinc, with additional exposures to platinum group metals, gold, cobalt, lead and silver, recycling facilities and a suite of global technology products, many of which are industry leaders. The Group's operations and projects span 18 countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Germany, New Caledonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, the USA and the UK. Xstrata employs approximately 56,000 people, including contractors.