



XSTRATA PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR THE CHILE EARTHQUAKE

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Xstrata plc ("Xstrata") has made a donation of US\$500,000 to the Chilean Red Cross and given a further US\$500,000 to support relief efforts being undertaken by an Antofagasta-based industry body. The donation has been made from Xstrata's central Corporate Social Involvement funds.

In addition, Xstrata Copper is providing a range of in-kind support, including food parcels for impacted employees, supporting a rescue and reconstruction team and facilitating helicopters for the rescue effort. Xstrata Copper has matched funds raised by its employees in Chile and a total of US\$65,000 has been donated to a national homeless organisation Un Techo Para.

Xstrata's operations were not impacted by the earthquake and are running as normal.

Xstrata will continue to support relief and reconstruction efforts in Chile as the country recovers and rebuilds in the wake of the earthquake.

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About Xstrata plc

Xstrata is a 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 growing platinum group metals business, additional exposures to 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 19 countries.

About Xstrata Copper

Headquartered in Brisbane, Xstrata Copper is one of the commodity business units within the major global diversified mining group Xstrata plc. Its mining and metallurgical operations and development projects span eight countries: Australia, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Canada, the USA, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea. Its operations are administered by five separate divisions, based close to the mining operations, namely the North Queensland, Minera Alumbrera, North Chile, Southern Peru and Canada divisions. It also has a recycling business (Xstrata Recycling) with plants in the United States and offices in Canada and Asia.

Xstrata Copper is the fourth largest global copper producer with attributable mined production in 2009 of 907,000 tonnes of copper in cathodes and concentrates. The company is also one of the world's largest producers of smelter and refined copper, including from third party materials.