



NEWS RELEASE

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Xstrata confirms that it has finalised thermal coal contract pricing with a major power utility customer in Japan for the 12 month period beginning 1 April 2010 at a price of US\$98 per tonne, basis 6322 kcal GAR.

Additional contract discussions with Japanese customers will continue in the week beginning 5 April.

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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 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. Xstrata Coal is the world's largest producer of export thermal coal.