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XSTRATA NICKEL PUBLISHES “OUR APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY”

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Xstrata Nickel announces the publication of *Our Approach to Sustainability*, a brochure outlining its 2009 Sustainability performance against measurable targets and which sets new targets for 2010. In addition, the brochure describes specific Sustainable Development activities at its Sudbury, Raglan, Xstrata Nickel Australasia, Nikkelverk and Falcondo operations, as well as at the Koniambo and Kabanga projects.

“At Xstrata Nickel, we recognize sustainability as fundamental to our long-term success and connected to everything we do,” said Ian Pearce, Chief Executive Officer. “We believe that we must take a principled approach to doing business and continually balance economic, social and environmental considerations in order to create value today and for generations to come.”

Stakeholders are invited to read *Our Approach to Sustainability* and provide comments on any aspect of our performance or reporting.

Our Approach to Sustainability is available from the Xstrata Nickel website at www.xstratanickel.com.

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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 Nickel

Xstrata Nickel, headquartered in Toronto, Canada, is one of Xstrata Group's global commodity businesses. Xstrata Nickel's operations include mines and processing facilities in Canada, the Dominican Republic and Australia, and a refinery in Norway. Xstrata Nickel has a promising portfolio of growth projects in New Caledonia, Tanzania and Brazil. Xstrata Nickel is the world's fifth largest nickel producer, with annual managed production of 88,000 tonnes of refined nickel.