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XSTRATA TECHNOLOGY WINS AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AWARD

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On Friday the 5th of December, the 2008 Australian Export Awards were announced in Melbourne at the National Gallery of Victoria. In the presence of the Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd, and other federal and state ministers, Xstrata Technology was awarded the 2008 Australian Export Award in the Large Services category.

Joe Pease, Chief Executive of Xstrata Technology, accepted the award from Federal Minister for Trade, Simon Crean. Joe said "We are honoured that this award recognizes our commitment to provide high quality technology and services to minerals processing operations around the world. I thank the engineers and operators at Xstrata's operations in Mount Isa and Townsville who weren't satisfied with existing technology, and so developed new technologies to improve energy-efficiency and reduce emissions. They and our other customers around the world continue to work closely with us to further improve the technologies". Joe also said that the strong support of the Xstrata group was crucial. "Xstrata plc has always supported the commercialisation of our improvements in environmental and energy efficiency and to market these new technologies to the broader industry." he said.

Joe also thanked the Australian Government, Austrade and the Queensland Government for their commitment and assistance in helping Australian businesses export into world markets.

Xstrata Technology develops, markets and supports technologies for the global mineral processing and metal smelting and refining industries. Xstrata Technology provides integrated solutions to complex processing problems, combining testwork, process design, detailed engineering, equipment manufacture, operator training, installation supervision, commissioning assistance and ongoing process and maintenance support. Its key technologies includes the ISASMELT™ and ISACONVERT™ smelting processes, ISA PROCESS™ and Kidd Process copper refining technology, Jameson Cell flotation technology, IsaMill™ grinding mills and Albion Process leaching technology.

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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 18 countries. Xstrata employs approximately 56,000 people, including contractors.

Xstrata Technology

Xstrata Technology develops, markets and supports technologies for the global mining, mineral processing and metals extraction industries. It has offices in Australia, South Africa, Canada and Chile, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xstrata plc. For further information please visit www.xstrata.com or www.xstratatech.com.