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Xstrata Technology Wins Queensland Exporter of the Year Award

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On Thursday the 16th of October, the 2008 Premier of Queensland's Export Awards were announced in Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention Centre by Queensland State Premier Anna Bligh. Xstrata Technology was awarded the Queensland Exporter of the Year, as well as winning the Large Services Award and was a finalist in the Large Advanced Manufactures category,

Joe Pease, Chief Executive of Xstrata Technology, said "It was an honour to win the Awards from such a strong field of applicants. This is great recognition for our hard working team, our committed clients, and the people at Xstrata's Australian sites who led the development of more efficient technologies". He also thanked the Queensland and Australian Governments for their continued support and recognition of exporting businesses through many initiatives, including the annual Export Awards.

Xstrata Technology develops, markets and supports technologies for the global mineral processing and metal smelting and refining industries. These technologies include ISASMELT™ and ISACONVERT™ smelting processes, IsaMill™ grinding mills, ISA PROCESS™ and Kidd Process copper refining technology, the Jameson Cell flotation machine, and Albion Process leaching technology. These technologies were originally developed for use in Xstrata's own operations, and are now exported globally. Pease believes that being operators of the technology is key to their success. "We know what is important as operators, and we try to support our clients in the way that we would like to be supported", he said. "We provide a comprehensive technology package, including process and equipment design, equipment supply, process control, operator training, commissioning assistance and ongoing process and maintenance support."

Xstrata Technology will now be a National Finalists in the Australian Export Awards which will be announced at the National Awards Presentation dinner on Friday, 5th of December 2008, at the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne.

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Xstrata Technology

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