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## **XSTRATA CONTRIBUTES A\$1 MILLION TO QUEENSLAND PREMIER'S DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL**

Xstrata has contributed A\$1 Million to the Queensland Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal to assist those communities affected by the devastating floods in Central Queensland.

Xstrata is a significant employer within Queensland and a major contributor to the region's economic growth via its coal mines at Rolleston, Oaky Creek, Collinsville and Newlands.

Xstrata Chief Executive Officer Mick Davis said, "The communities close to our coal operations in Central Queensland located near Emerald, Collinsville and Springsure as well as our copper and zinc operations across Mt Isa and Townsville represent an important part of Xstrata's global network and it is thus fitting for Xstrata to play a role in assisting the many residents who have been forced to evacuate their homes as a result of the rising floodwaters. The devastation of these floods has left many of our employees, their families and the surrounding towns and farming communities either homeless or severely impacted.

Our thoughts are with those affected and with the rescue and emergency services engaged in providing support on the ground."

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