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XSTRATA RETAINS SECTOR AND SUPER SECTOR LEADERSHIP IN DOW JONES SUSTAINABILITY INDEX REVIEW

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Xstrata plc has retained its position as Mining Sector Leader in the annual Dow Jones Sustainability Index review 2011/12 for the fifth consecutive year. The company has also again been named as the Super Sector Leader for Basic Resources industries.

The Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) follow a best-in-class approach and include sustainability leaders from each industry on a global and regional level respectively. The annual review is based on a thorough analysis of corporate economic, environmental and social performance, assessing issues such as corporate governance, risk management, branding, climate change mitigation, supply chain standards and labour practices. It accounts for general as well as industry specific sustainability criteria for each of the 57 sectors defined according to the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB). The 57 sectors are compiled into 19 Super Sectors.

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About Xstrata plc

Xstrata is a global diversified mining group, listed on the London and Swiss Stock Exchanges. Headquartered in Zug, Switzerland, Xstrata maintains a meaningful position in seven major international commodity markets: copper, coking coal, thermal coal, ferrochrome, nickel, vanadium and zinc with additional exposure to gold, cobalt, lead and silver. The Xstrata Group also comprises a growing platinum group metals business, iron ore projects, recycling facilities and a suite of global technology products, many of which are industry leaders. The Group's operations and projects span 20 countries.