



## MEDIA RELEASE

# NORTHPARKES CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL NIGHT AT THE AUSTRALIAN MINING PROSPECT AWARDS

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Northparkes celebrated a huge night of success at the annual *Australian Mining Prospect Awards* winning both the Metalliferous Mine of the Year and Australian Mine of the Year. These awards follow Northparkes' success last year when it was awarded Highly Commended Metalliferous Mine and Mine Manager of the Year.

Managing Director Dr Craig Stegman said today "This is great recognition of our people and our operations. Our people make such an enormous contribution to our business and we are extremely fortunate to have such a great team who are committed to going the extra mile. These awards recognise their outstanding contribution in building an innovative and successful business with a strong safety culture."

"We would like to acknowledge all the other entrants and finalists at the Prospect Awards. It is a credit to the mining industry that so many operations are driving improvements in our industry."

This achievement recognises our commitment to best practice environmentally sustainable mining and our focus on building strong relationships with our local community including our Traditional Owners and local farmers. Northparkes works hard with our farming community to demonstrate that mining and agriculture can coexist.

On Saturday Northparkes opened the door to 3000 visitors who explored the operation during our Open Day and helped celebrate the official opening of the new E48 block cave mine by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales.

"These awards cap off a fantastic week for Northparkes", Dr Stegman said.

"The theme of our 2010 Open Day was ***Copper - the Green Metal*** which showcased how copper metal is driving the future in energy efficiency, smart wire technology, medicine and industry. Through showcasing how copper is sustainably produced at Northparkes we have challenged many people's perceptions about mining and its role in our society. This is something that we will continue to do."

Northparkes wishes to acknowledge the Australian Mining Magazine, which acts as a conduit for companies to share many of the achievements and advances that drive a culture of continuous improvement in the mining industry.

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