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## **Xstrata Nickel Provides Largest Single Corporate Donation to The Sudbury Community Foundation**

Sudbury, ON – Today Xstrata Nickel announced an endowment of \$200,000 to the Sudbury Community Foundation (SCF) to create *The Xstrata Nickel Community Development Fund*.

The Fund will be managed by SCF and will provide permanent support for local charities. Xstrata Nickel's gift will be made over the next four years.

"This Fund is an ideal avenue for Xstrata Nickel to help build sustainable social support for the community," said Mike Romaniuk, Vice-President, Sudbury Operations, Xstrata Nickel. "The Sudbury Community Foundation will see to it that the Fund addresses the needs of our community by distributing grants to those who need them most."

Since 1996, endowments to the SCF have made it possible for the Foundation to provide grants to various organizations within the Sudbury community.

"We are honoured to be custodian of Xstrata Nickel's gift to Sudbury's charitable sector," said Jo-Anne Palkovits, President, Sudbury Community Foundation. "This is the largest single corporate gift the Foundation has received to date."

"*The Xstrata Nickel Community Development Fund* will have significant impact on local charities," noted Carmen Simmons, Executive Director, Sudbury Community Foundation. "Because it has been set up as an undesignated community fund, grants will go to areas of greatest need each year."

**The Sudbury Community Foundation** is an independent public foundation and registered charity. The Foundation has been a gateway to the community since 1996, enabling donors to create philanthropic legacies that will benefit Sudbury and its people both now and in the future. The Foundation's unique combination of grant-making expertise, knowledge of community needs, professional financial and fund management expertise and knowledge of donor philanthropy, provides donors with higher impact for every dollar donated. For more information about the Sudbury Community Foundation, please visit [www.sudburycf.ca](http://www.sudburycf.ca).

**Xstrata Nickel**, headquartered in Toronto, Canada, is one of Xstrata Group's global commodity businesses, comprising five mines and processing facilities in Ontario and Quebec, Canada; a ferronickel mine and processing facility in Bonao, Dominican Republic; and a refinery in Kristiansand, Norway. Xstrata Nickel has a significant portfolio of growth projects, including Nickel Rim South in Canada, Kabanga in Tanzania, and Koniambo in New Caledonia. Xstrata Nickel is the world's fourth largest nickel producer, with annual production of more than 110,000 tonnes of refined nickel. In Sudbury, Xstrata Nickel employs more than 1,500 people. For more information about Xstrata Nickel, please visit [www.xstrata.com](http://www.xstrata.com).

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