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NEWS RELEASE

RESOLUTION COPPER ADDS NEW TEAM MEMBER

(SUPERIOR) Arizona (February 8, 2006) -- Resolution Copper announced today the appointment of Susan Salazar as Human Resources Coordinator to support the company's growth. In this role, Ms. Salazar will have support responsibilities for the management of employee-related issues including organizational development, staffing, training, compensation and benefits.

"We are delighted to have Susan joining our team," said Dick Stilgenbauer, human resources manager at Resolution Copper. "With her several years of work experience and extensive background in human resources, she is a great addition to the company."

Susan joins Resolution Copper with responsibility for the company's human resource needs. Prior to joining Resolution Copper, Susan held positions of increasing importance with Ourvacationstore.com in Phoenix and California-based Centura Software.

A native of San Francisco, Sue lives in Chandler, Arizona with her husband and two children. Her commitment to the community includes service as a Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout volunteer.

About Resolution Copper

Resolution Copper Company is Manager of the Resolution project, a joint venture between Rio Tinto, plc and BHP Billiton, the two largest mining companies in the world. The project is located in the historic Pioneer Mining District three miles east of Superior, Arizona and is the site of the former Magma Mine which operated from 1911-1996.

Resolution Copper is developing a 21st century mining operation that combines state-of-the-art technology with sound environmental policy and sustainable development. Anticipated project benefits include more than 1,000 construction jobs and 400 permanent positions, as well as significant positive impacts on Arizona economies through federal, state and local taxes. For more information visit www.resolutioncopper.com

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