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NEWS RELEASE

RESOLUTION COPPER EMPLOYEES HELP BUILD SEGMENT OF ARIZONA TRAIL

(SUPERIOR) Arizona (30 January 2006) – On Friday, January 27, more than 35 Resolution Copper employees and several friends of the company donated their time to help construct a one-mile segment of the Arizona Trail south of the PicketPost Trailhead in Superior.

“Through outreach activities and other vehicles we support active citizenship and community involvement on the part of employees,” said John Rickus, president of Resolution Copper. “The Arizona Trail is just one of many efforts to encourage employees to make a difference in Superior and surrounding communities.”

“I want to thank Resolution Copper and their wonderful crew of energetic and extremely productive volunteers for the contribution to the building of the part of the Arizona Trail at Picketpost,” said Merle Palmer, Arizona Trail Association (ATA) volunteer. “I was surprised at how much got done, and certainly appreciate the high quality of the trail that was built. It was a pleasure to be able to work with everybody.”

The daylong event included a safety briefing and overview of trail building activities. Employees then worked in teams led by trail volunteers including staff from the Globe Ranger District. The event was a tremendous success and employees and ATA staff are looking forward to hosting a similar event next year.

The Arizona Trail is a continuous, 800-mile, non-motorized trail that spans the state from Mexico to Utah linking deserts, mountains, canyons, communities and people. In 2004, Resolution Copper and the ATA forged a five-year partnership and became a premier project partner to develop the *Copper Butte Project*, an important 25-mile reach of the Arizona Trail. Resolution Copper joins several agencies and organizations that are contributing both financially and through in-kind including the Tonto National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund, American Hiking Society, Arizona State Land Department, and many others.

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 1912-1996.

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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