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Resolution Copper Mining Announces First Quarter 2008 Charitable Gifts Recipients

SUPERIOR, Ariz. - (March 5, 2008) Resolution Copper Mining today announced that it will donate over \$8,000 to support the efforts of local organizations focused on education, the environment and community development across the Copper Triangle area.

“These nonprofit organizations rely on donations and support to fund their vital work,” said John Rickus, president of Resolution Copper. “Our corporate philanthropy and strategic partnership efforts are designed to benefit the organizations that work to enhance the lives of Superior residents and other community members in the surrounding area. We know these small gifts make a big difference in their efforts.”

First quarter recipients include: Anytown Arizona, a program that provides youth leadership development programs focusing on diversity, awareness, conflict resolution and interpersonal communications; Globe’s Copper Rim Elementary program titled “It’s a Frog’s Life,” a program that integrates reading and writing into the science curriculum; Globe Unified School District’s Excellence in Education, an awards program for teachers that have proven unique and creative teaching ideas with defined learning outcomes; Superior Soap Box Derby, an organization that helps to build community relationships and gives motivation to children as they compete for the chance to go to the world championships in Akron, Ohio; Superior Little League; Superior Optimist Club; Superior Chamber of Commerce Apache Leap Festival; United Way of Pinal County, with funds to support Superior Food Bank and Superior Senior Center; and Friends of the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum, which will establish an educational project allowing third grade Superior students to discuss mineral uses and the importance of mining.

In addition to these efforts, Resolution Copper provides assistance to a number of nongovernment organizations, academic institutions and government agencies that positively influence conservation, economic development and education. Company

guidelines on sponsorship support, as well an application, are available online at <http://resolutioncopper.com/res/ourcommunities/49.html>.

About Resolution Copper

Resolution Copper Mining is a limited liability company owned by Resolution Copper Company, a Rio Tinto plc subsidiary, and BHP Copper, Inc., a BHP-Billiton plc subsidiary. Resolution Copper Mining LLC is manager of the Resolution project located in the historic Pioneer Mining District three miles east of Superior, Arizona. The project is in the early stages of evaluation. If developed, the mine will be completely underground, employing twenty-first century mining techniques that both respect the environment and serve as a positive force for sustainable development. Anticipated benefits include a boost to Arizona economies through federal, state and local taxes, more than 3,000 construction jobs and more than 1,400 full-time positions. For more information, visit www.resolutioncopper.com. Press may contact Jennifer Russo, corporate communications director, at 602.908.1043.

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