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RESOLUTION COPPER TEAM MEMBER JOINS THE BULLION PLAZA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUPERIOR, Ariz. (Sept. xx, 2006) — Miami resident and Resolution Copper employee Ernie Miranda has accepted his nomination to serve on the Bullion Plaza Board of Directors, which oversees the activities of the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum in Miami.

A third-generation miner, Miranda joins the board with a strong background in mining and community involvement having previously served on boards including the Gila County Fiscal 2000 Committee, Morenci Health Care Board of Directors and Holy Cross Catholic Church Parish Board. He was also chairman of the Greenlee County Local Emergency Planning Committee and former commander for the Gila County Search and Rescue Posse.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on a board that represents such a big part of my personal family history,” said Miranda, training systems manager for Resolution Copper. “The museum plays a vital role in preserving not only mining history but also Miami’s history.”

Miranda was born and raised in Miami where he resides with his wife and three sons. He is also a volunteer firefighter with the Tri-City Fire Department, and gives his time to local events.

About Resolution Copper

Resolution Copper is manager of the Resolution project, a joint venture with BHP Billiton. The project is located in the historic Pioneer Mining District three miles east of Superior, Arizona.

The project is in the early stages of evaluation; however, it is believed to be the largest copper ore body in North America. If developed, the mine will be completely underground employing 21st century mining techniques that both respects the environment and serves as a positive force for sustainable development. Anticipated benefits include a boost to Arizona economies through federal, state and local taxes; more than 1,000 construction jobs, and about 400 full-time positions. For more information visit www.resolutioncopper.com.

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