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### **Mining company seeks environmental certification**

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Superior, Arizona. –Resolution Copper Company is seeking its environmental certification, ISO 14001; 2004, as part of its commitment to the development of a XXI century mine. Resolution Copper, a division of the Rio Tinto Group, seeks to obtain this internationally recognized environmental standard for its mining operations in the Superior area. The company's management is hoping to obtain the certification by mid next year.

“As part of the commitment on behalf of Rio Tinto with an excellence in the environment, all of our mining operations are obligated to obtain the ISO certification,” stated Bill Williams, vice president of health, safety, environment and projects of Resolution Copper. “We hope that all of our employees are proactive in the development of our environmental programs. These programs include: contamination prevention, recycling, continual development and the integration of environmental considerations in all of the business activities.” ISO 14001 is a group of standards issued by the International Organization of Standardization in Geneva, Switzerland.

The ISO standards require that the company develop and maintain a program designed to monitor measure and improve its environmental performance. The ISO 14001 certification assures that a company will maintain its highest environmental standards and that it constantly improve its environmental performance.

Resolution Copper Company has committed to abide with all international standards of environmental protection and to rehabilitate the affected areas when the mine is closed.

Likewise, it has provided a scholarship program for students from Superior, Globe, Miami and Florence, and neighboring towns to the mining project, with the objective of producing engineers and technicians that will work in the mine, which it is hoped will be in operation within no later than a decade, even though the exploration work has already begun. Furthermore, they have achieved an association with the Boyce-Thompson Arboretum, a program and place where interested parties may study desert ecology and the entire ecosystem of the area