

## **SUPERIOR RESIDENT MICHAEL SAN MIGUEL JOINS RESOLUTION COPPER**

SUPERIOR, Ariz. (Nov. 10, 2006) — Resolution Copper announced today the addition of Michael San Miguel as a core handler for the resource evaluation group at the number 9 shaft. In his position, San Miguel's responsibilities include managing the transportation of core samples, handling and cutting the samples, and vehicle maintenance.

"We are very excited to have Michael join our team," said Greg Ghidotti, project geologist. "He has proven to be an integral part of our team contributing to safety and care of the facilities at number 9."

"I am very happy to be part of such a dedicated team," said San Miguel. "Everyday brings something new and exciting."

Away from work, Michael enjoys spending time with his son and is involved in a community-based group, fondly referred to by Superior residents as "the #9 crew", where he has helped clean up the Magma Club and supported various community service projects that assist Superior's senior residents.

Michael resides in Superior where he grew up and graduated from Superior High School in 1991.

**About Us:** Resolution Copper Mining is a limited liability company owned by Resolution Copper Company, an indirect subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc, and BHP Copper, Inc., an indirect subsidiary of BHP-Billiton plc. 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 1,000 construction jobs and more than 400 full-time positions. For more information visit [www.resolutioncopper.com](http://www.resolutioncopper.com).

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