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CHRIS TROUT JOINS RESOLUTION COPPER AS GEOLOGIST

SUPERIOR, Arizona (September 18, 2006) --- Resolution Copper today announced the appointment of Chris Trout as geologist. In this role, Chris will be an integral part of the pre-feasibility team.

"It is a great to have someone with Chris's enthusiasm and knowledge on our team," said Brad Caulkins, Senior Geologist for Resolution Copper.

"I am really excited about the opportunity to my put knowledge and passion for geology to work on this project," said Trout.

A Burlington, Washington, native, Trout holds a bachelor of science in geology from Western Washington University. During his time at the university he was selected to spend a summer interning with the Geological Society of America GeoCorps America with the Idaho Panhandle National Forest where he conducted extensive field work to aid in the development of a new public garnet collecting site.

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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