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## **RESOLUTION COPPER'S MIKE WEGLEITNER EARNS PROMINENT SAFETY CERTIFICATION**

SUPERIOR, Arizona (November 3, 2006) --- Resolution Copper today announced that Safety Health Manager Mike Wegleitner earned the Certified Safety Profession (CSP) designation, the nation's most sought after designation for safety professionals. Wegleitner joins an elite group of just 10,660 CSP's in the United States.

"Mike joins a distinguished group of professionals in earning this voluntary certification, and everyone at Resolution Copper is proud of his achievement," said Bill Williams, Vice President of Health, Safety, and Environment and Construction at Resolution Copper. "His commitment further demonstrates Resolution's leadership in this area as well as our organization's genuine pledge to safety and health."

The CSP title or designation is awarded by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, an organization recognized for setting the credential standards for safety, health, and environmental practitioners. Prior qualifications for a CSP include either an associate's degree in safety and health or a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Applicants must also have at least four years of acceptable professional safety practice and pass both the Safety Fundamentals and Comprehensive Practice exams. To retain the CSP designation requires continuous education and re-certification. A CSP is recognized not only for their broad range of knowledge in health and safety but also for their acumen of the sciences, math, business, training, and education.

Wegleitner joined Resolution Copper earlier in 2006. He brings more than 27 years of industry experience, with more than 21 of those years devoted to health and safety. He holds an associate's degree in occupational health and safety, a bachelor's of science degree in business administration, a bachelor's of science in economics, and a minor in organizational communications. Other professional certification designations include Certified Safety Professional, Certified Mine Safety Professional, National Registered Emergency Medical Technician, Mine Rescue, and Firefighter I & II.

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## **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](http://www.resolutioncopper.com).

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