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Edmonton – Today Xstrata and the University of Alberta Faculty of Engineering announced a \$3 million gift to establish the Xstrata Chair in Mining and Mineral Process Engineering. This prestigious chair will be located in the Faculty of Engineering and be a key contributor to the Canadian Centre for Clean Coal/Carbon and Mineral Processing Technologies (C⁵MPT).

The Xstrata Chair in Mining and Mineral Process Engineering will play a leading role in educating the next generation of mining and mineral process engineers, and in developing advanced technologies with a focus on extraction and purification of metals, coal and other mineral resources. The Chair will look at issues such as the depletion of ore supplies, optimization of ore recovery, and reduction of waste.

“Our hope is that this endowment will act as a catalyst to push the boundaries of knowledge within mining, inspire the innovation required to develop breakthrough technologies to further reduce impacts on the environment, and attract the very best scientific minds from across Canada and beyond, who can make a real difference in the mining industry,” said Ian Pearce, Chief Executive of Xstrata Nickel and Xstrata Canada Corporation.

Dr. David Lynch, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, notes that this Chair clearly demonstrates the necessity and value of partnerships between the corporate and academic communities, particularly in an area of research that is so significant to the Canadian economy.

With regards to C⁵MPT, Dr. Lynch said, “Our vision is to be an internationally leading educational and research centre in mining and mineral processing technologies. This partnership with Xstrata will move us further towards achieving this vision. By further enhancing our educational and research efforts, we can provide the people and technologies to support the development of Canada’s natural resources in an environmentally responsible manner.”

C⁵MPT, with Xstrata’s support, is extending its reach as a hub for innovation that will benefit the world to help build a safe, sustainable future.

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About C⁵MPT

C⁵MPT, established in 2010 as the first of its kind in Canada, is a research and education centre that supports sustainable and responsible energy and mineral development. Its research addresses key areas including: clean coal, mineral processing, water-based oil sands extraction and carbon capture and storage. C⁵MPT is a partnership of industry, government, and academia and is also a model of collaborative vision among leading researchers.

About the University of Alberta

The University of Alberta in Edmonton is one of Canada's top teaching and research universities, with an international reputation for excellence across the humanities, sciences, creative arts, business, engineering, and health sciences. Home to more than 38,000 students and 15,000 faculty and staff, the university has an annual budget of more than \$1.4 billion and attracts \$536 million in sponsored research revenue. It offers close to 400 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in 18 faculties on five campuses—including one rural and one francophone campus. The university has approximately 230,000 alumni worldwide.

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