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MRM CELEBRATES OPENING OF BORROLOOLA COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

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McArthur River Mining's project management of the \$2.1 million Borroloola Community Swimming Pool development was today acknowledged at an official opening of the complex.

The pool's development was overseen by a partnership involving MRM, the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and community organisations with MRM providing project management and civil works support to the value of \$600,000.

MRM General Manager, Mr Etienne Moller said this is a good example of the role the mine plays in the Borroloola region.

"As the major employer and operation in the region, we are able to assist with people and equipment to get the job done, just as you would expect of a good neighbour," he said.

"We are pleased to invest in the pool's development as a way of contributing positively to the community's future."

The complex features a 25 metre swimming pool, wading pool for small children and ablution and change room facilities servicing both the pool and soccer club. It is located adjacent to the Borroloola School.

The complex was officially opened by the Mayor of Roper Gulf Shire Council, Tony Jack.

Mr Moller said the opening of the long awaited pool was a great day for the remote region of around 1,500 people, 900 kilometres south-east of Darwin.

"The availability of this high quality facility is expected bring people many hours of enjoyment and also offers potential benefits to the fitness and health of local children."

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Xstrata Zinc's operations in Spain comprise the San Juan de Nieva zinc smelter and the Arnao zinc semis plant in Asturias, and the Hinojedo roasting plant in Cantabria.

In Australia, operations comprise: the Mount Isa, George Fisher underground, Handlebar Hill open cut and Black Star open cut zinc-lead mines, zinc-lead concentrator, lead smelter and Bowen Coke Works in north Queensland; the McArthur River open pit zinc-lead mine, processing and loading facility in the Northern Territory; and 75% of the Lady Loretta zinc lead deposit in north-west Queensland.

In Canada, operations and exploration projects include the Brunswick zinc-lead mine and lead smelter in New Brunswick; 25% of the CEZ zinc smelter near Montreal; and the Perseverance zinc deposit in Quebec.

Xstrata Zinc also operates the Nordenham zinc smelter in northern Germany; the Northfleet lead refinery in the United Kingdom; and owns 33.75% of the Antamina mine in Peru.

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