



SAGITTARIUS MINES, INC.

PRESS RELEASE

30 September 2009

SMI pushes clean environment

TAMPAKAN, South Cotabato – Officials and employees of Sagittarius Mines Inc. joined local residents in a global clean up drive by clearing of litters and debris of a 1.5-kilometer portion of the Lambato River in this town.

The drive conducted is in keeping with the environmental volunteerism campaign Clean up the World program which aims to promote environmental awareness and preservation, remarked Jose Sebu, SMI's Social and Environment Superintendent.

SMI workers fished out from the river non-biodegradable materials and cleaned up riverbanks as well.

Local residents along with the Environment Brigade volunteers, MENRO-Tampakan representative and local government officials also participated in the day-long activity.

“We would like to impress to our participants their individual responsibilities in looking after the welfare of our river systems as this could also largely affect and contribute in their lives and health,” Sebu said. As SMI advances the feasibility study phase of our Tampakan Copper-Gold Project,

SMI, which has recently launched its feasibility study in tapping the Tampakan Copper-Gold Project in the hinterlands of this town, is known for its continuous efforts in environmental preservation campaigns.

Subject to a positive feasibility study and the necessary approvals, Tampakan Copper-Gold Project could be the biggest mine in the Philippines, and one of the top copper producers in the world.

- Ends -

Contact Person:

John B. Arnaldo

Communications Manager

Sagittarius Mines, Inc.

Mobile Number: (+63 928) 5503 847

Media Care Hotline: (+63 918) 8644 685



SAGITTARIUS MINES, INC.

Notes to editors:

Tampakan Project

The Tampakan project is on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, approximately 65 kilometers north of General Santos City. The current project borders four Provinces – South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani Province and Davao Del Sur. The Tampakan copper gold deposit is in the province of South Cotabato, municipality of Tampakan.

The Tampakan deposit represents one of the largest undeveloped copper-gold deposits in Southeast Asia. The latest mineral resource estimate confirmed 2.2 billion tonnes containing 12.8 million tonnes of copper and 15.2 million ounces of gold at a 0.3% copper cut-off grade.

On 30 March 2007, Xstrata Copper acquired 62.5% of the controlling interest in the Tampakan Project and assumed management control through its Philippines based affiliate Sagittarius Mines, Inc.

Xstrata Copper

Xstrata Copper is headquartered in Brisbane, Australia, with regional offices in Santiago and Antofagasta, Chile; Lima and Arequipa, Peru; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Toronto, Canada, and is one of the commodity business units within the major global diversified mining group Xstrata plc.

Xstrata Copper's mining operations and projects span seven countries and include mines, mineral processing plants and port facilities in North Queensland, Australia; mining and processing operations and port facilities in Chile, Peru and Argentina in South America; and mining and processing plants in Canada. It also has a recycling business (Xstrata Recycling) with facilities in Canada, the United States and Asia.

Xstrata Copper is the fourth largest global copper producer, with annual attributable production capacity of over one million tonnes.

Head office: Yakal St. corner Talisay St., Poblacion Tampakan, South Cotabato 9507 Philippines **Tel** +63 83 2271040, **Fax** +63 83 2271045

GSC office: JPM Building, Bula Lagao Road Gen. Santos City 9500 Philippines **Tel** +63 83 5548414 **Fax** +63 83 5528405

Manila office: 12/F LKG Tower , 6801 Ayala Avenue, Makati City 1227 Philippines **Tel** +63 2 8563023 **Fax** +63 2 8563032