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## Development Work off to a good start at Outokumpu Copper Project

Emerging copper producer, **Altona Mining Limited** (Altona) today announced that earthworks and mine site preparations at the Company's Outokumpu Copper Project in Finland have commenced and are progressing well.

Altona's immediate growth strategy is to build a profitable copper business based on the Kylylahti mine (part of the Outokumpu Copper Project) and Luikonlahti processing hub.

Supporting this objective, the Company has been very active at Outokumpu in recent weeks and is committed to sharing updates on progress with shareholders. Altona will regularly update its website with video footage of site works as development advances.

Initial harvesting of plantation forest is complete and earthworks have commenced on the office site and contractor lay down areas.

Access roads are being constructed and the excavation of the boxcut has commenced in preparation for decline development. Tenders for decline construction are to be let in November 2010.

Waste water and sewerage pipelines need to be established as well as reticulation of electrical power onto the site. This work is expected to start early next month and is tied into the commencement of the decline.

At the Luikonlahti plant, work is focussed on detailed engineering of the modifications required for refurbishment of the plant. This work is intended to be completed in time to let packages of work for the major areas of refurbishment in early 2011. Refurbishment work will include electrification, automation, slurry piping and tailings dam earthworks.

Recruitment of key maintenance personnel familiar with the Luikonlahti plant has commenced in order to prepare the detailed schedule and costing for equipment refurbishment.

First production is scheduled for early 2012.

A number of photographs are appended for the information of shareholders.

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Access road at the Kylylahti minesite



Access road and office site Copyright Markku Mutanen



Initial area cleared for laydown and pads, decline excavation will be in centre of cleared area Copyright Markku Mutanen

#### **About Altona**

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Altona Mining Ltd (ASX: AOH) has two major copper assets and a clear strategy to build a profitable copper business producing from multiple mines in historic major copper mining camps. The immediate priority is to take the Outokumpu project in Finland into production through developing the Kylylahti mine and refurbishing the Luikonlahti processing hub. Growth will be delivered by developing other resources in the area.

The Roseby copper project near Mt Isa in Queensland is one of Australia's largest undeveloped copper projects. The Company's aim is to increase resources beyond 1Mt of contained copper and to upgrade the DFS to a production target of 40,000tpa copper. Altona will finalise permitting of Roseby in parallel with developing the Outokumpu copper project.

#### **Competent Persons Statement**

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