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Copper Exploration Activity Jumps 40%.

As a key speaker at the recent *Industrial Metals and Mineable Energy Investment Summit* in London, **Intierra Resource Intelligence** revealed that the 1st half of 2011 saw a 40% increase in the number of projects announcing copper drill assay results compared to the same period in 2010.

During a detailed presentation focusing on the outlook for global copper, Ryan Bontes from Intierra Resource Intelligence stated that between January and June this year, 359 projects announced copper drill assay results compared to 257 in the same period last year.

Mr. Bontes stated, "This is a noteworthy result for global copper projects. It is even more significant when you consider gold's incremental increase of 29%, and uranium's full 24% drop."

The presentation also highlighted that 44% of the 2010 copper projects were at the exploration stage. This indicates that projects are being acquired at an earlier lifecycle stage than they have in the past.

In terms of future copper production data Mr. Bontes pointed to 2012 and 2014 as being particularly important, with forecast incremental production increases of 1716(Kt) and 1953(Kt) respectively.

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Further information, data and graphics from Intierra's presentation may be obtained by contacting Intierra directly using the information below.

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Intierra provides business intelligence for the international mineral resources sector by delivering context-rich information to mineral resource industry professionals. Our solutions offer unique insights into company evaluations, M&A, risk management, due diligence, competitor intelligence and project pipeline evaluation.

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