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## US DOJ CONFIRMS NO COMPETITION ISSUES WITH XSTRATA'S OFFER FOR FALCONBRIDGE

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The US Department of Justice (DOJ) has confirmed that it has completed its review of Xstrata's proposed acquisition of Falconbridge Limited and has not identified any competition issues under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act.

The DOJ allowed the Hart-Scott-Rodino waiting period to expire without taking action or seeking any type of remedy. Xstrata is free to proceed with its offer with no further US anti-trust review.

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