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XSTRATA RECEIVES CANADIAN COMPETITION CLEARANCE FOR FALCONBRIDGE OFFER

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Xstrata plc confirms that it has received an Advance Ruling Certificate from the Canadian Competition Bureau in respect of its all cash offer to the shareholders of Falconbridge Limited. Xstrata is therefore free to proceed with its offer with no further anti-trust review in Canada.

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