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INDUSTRY CANADA REVIEW PERIOD EXTENDED

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Xstrata plc ("Xstrata") advises that it has been informed by the Investment Review Division of Industry Canada that the Minister responsible for the Investment Canada Act ("ICA") is unable to complete the consideration of Xstrata's investment in connection with the proposed acquisition of Falconbridge Limited within the initial 45 day period. As prescribed in the ICA, the Minister has therefore extended the review period for up to a further 30 days (or such other period as may be agreed) from July 3, 2006.

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