

THIS IS NOT A LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL. THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY IS FOR USE IN ACCEPTING THE OFFER (DEFINED BELOW).

NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY

**for Deposit of Common Shares
(and associated rights under the
shareholder rights plan) of**

FALCONBRIDGE LIMITED

**Pursuant to the Offer dated May 18, 2006,
as varied, amended and supplemented, made by**

XSTRATA CANADA INC.

**a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of
XSTRATA PLC**

**THE OFFER WILL BE OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE UNTIL 8:00 P.M. (TORONTO TIME) ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006 (THE "EXPIRY TIME"), UNLESS EXTENDED OR WITHDRAWN.**

Use this Notice of Guaranteed Delivery if you wish to accept the Offer but your share certificate(s) and rights certificate(s), if applicable, are not immediately available or you are not able to deliver your share certificate(s) and rights certificate(s), if applicable, to the Depository on or before the Expiry Time.

This Notice of Guaranteed Delivery must be used to accept the offer dated May 18, 2006, as varied, amended and supplemented by the Notice of Extension, dated July 7, 2006 (the "**First Extension**"), the Notice of Variation, dated July 11, 2006 (the "**First Variation**") and the Notice of Variation, dated July 21, 2006 (the "**Second Variation**"), (as varied, amended and supplemented, the "**Offer**") made by Xstrata Canada Inc. (the "**Offeror**"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Xstrata plc, for share certificates and rights certificates, if applicable, representing common shares (the common shares collectively and together, unless the context otherwise requires, with associated rights (the "**SRP Rights**") issued and outstanding under the shareholder rights plan of Falconbridge, the "**Common Shares**") of Falconbridge Limited ("**Falconbridge**") only if certificates representing the Common Shares to be deposited are not immediately available or if the holder of Common Shares (the "**Shareholder**") is not able to deliver the certificates and all other required documents to Kingsdale Shareholder Services Inc. (the "**Depository**") at or prior to the Expiry Time. This Notice of Guaranteed Delivery may be delivered by hand, mailed or transmitted by facsimile transmission to the Toronto office of the Depository set out below.

The terms and conditions of the Offer are incorporated by reference in this Notice of Guaranteed Delivery. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Notice of Guaranteed Delivery which are defined in the offer to purchase and related offering circular dated May 18, 2006, as varied, amended and supplemented by the First Extension, the First Variation and the Second Variation, (as varied, amended and supplemented, the "**Circular**") have the respective meanings set out in the Circular.

WHEN AND HOW TO USE THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY

If a Shareholder wishes to deposit Common Shares pursuant to the Offer and (a) the certificate(s) representing the Common Shares is (are) not immediately available or (b) the certificate(s) and all other required documents cannot be delivered to the Depository at or prior to the Expiry Time, those Common Shares nevertheless may be deposited validly under the Offer provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) the deposit is made by or through an Eligible Institution (as defined below);

- (b) this Notice of Guaranteed Delivery or a manually executed facsimile hereof, properly completed and executed, including a guarantee to deliver by an Eligible Institution in the form set out below, is received by the Depository at its Toronto office at or prior to the Expiry Time;
- (c) the certificate(s) representing deposited Common Shares, in proper form for transfer, and, if the Separation Time has occurred before the Expiry Time and certificates representing SRP Rights (“**Rights Certificates**”) have been distributed to Shareholders before the Expiry Time, the Rights Certificate(s) representing the deposited SRP Rights, together with the Letter of Transmittal or a manually executed facsimile thereof, properly completed and executed, and all other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal, are received by the Depository at or prior to 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the third trading day on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “**TSX**”) after the Expiry Time. To constitute delivery for the purpose of satisfying a guaranteed delivery, the Letter of Transmittal and accompanying share certificate(s) and Rights Certificate(s), if applicable, must be delivered to the Toronto office of the Depository; and
- (d) in the case of SRP Rights where the Separation Time has occurred before the Expiry Time but Rights Certificates have not been distributed to Shareholders before the Expiry Time, the Rights Certificate(s) representing the deposited SRP Rights, together with a Letter of Transmittal (or a facsimile thereof), properly completed and duly executed with signatures guaranteed if so required in accordance with the Letter of Transmittal and all other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal are received by the Depository at any of their offices listed in this Letter of Transmittal before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the third trading day on the TSX after Rights Certificates are distributed to Shareholders.

The undersigned understands and acknowledges that payment for Common Shares deposited and taken up by the Offeror will be made only after timely receipt by the Depository of (i) such certificate(s) representing the Common Shares and, in certain circumstances, Rights Certificates, and a Letter of Transmittal or a facsimile thereof, properly completed and duly executed, with any signatures guaranteed, if so required, and all other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the third trading day on the TSX after the date on which the Expiry Time occurs; and (ii) in certain cases, Rights Certificates and a Letter of Transmittal or a facsimile thereof, properly completed and duly executed, with any signatures guaranteed, if so required, and all other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal before 5:00 p.m. on the third trading day on the TSX after the Rights Certificates are distributed to Shareholders. The undersigned also understands and acknowledges that under no circumstances will interest accrue or be paid by the Offeror or the Depository to persons depositing Common Shares on the purchase price of Common Shares purchased by the Offeror, regardless of any delay in making such payment, and that the consideration for the Common Shares tendered pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedures will be the same as that for the Common Shares delivered to the Depository before the Expiry Time, even if the Common Shares and Rights Certificates, if applicable, to be delivered pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedures are not so delivered to the Depository, and therefore payment by the Depository on account of such Common Shares is not made, until after the take up and payment for the Common Shares under the Offer.

All authority conferred, or agreed to be conferred, by this Notice of Guaranteed Delivery may be exercised during any subsequent legal incapacity of the undersigned and shall, to the extent permitted by law, survive the death or incapacity, bankruptcy or insolvency of the undersigned and all obligations of the undersigned under this Notice of Guaranteed Delivery shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the undersigned.

TO: XSTRATA CANADA INC.

AND TO: KINGSDALE SHAREHOLDER SERVICES INC., as Depositary

By Mail, Hand or Courier:

The Exchange Tower
130 King Street West, Suite 2950, P.O. Box 361
Toronto, Ontario
M5X 1E2

By Facsimile Transmission:

416-867-2271

THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY MUST BE DELIVERED BY HAND OR COURIER OR TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR MAILED TO THE DEPOSITARY AT ITS OFFICE IN TORONTO, ONTARIO LISTED IN THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY AND MUST INCLUDE A GUARANTEE BY AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IN THE FORM SET FORTH IN THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY.

DELIVERY OF THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY TO AN ADDRESS OR TRANSMISSION OF THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY VIA A FACSIMILE NUMBER OTHER THAN SET FORTH ABOVE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A VALID DELIVERY.

THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY IS NOT TO BE USED TO GUARANTEE SIGNATURES ON THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL. IF A SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AND TRANSMITTAL IS REQUIRED TO BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, SUCH SIGNATURE MUST APPEAR IN THE APPLICABLE SPACE IN THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

DO NOT SEND CERTIFICATES FOR COMMON SHARES OR SRP RIGHTS WITH THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY. CERTIFICATES FOR COMMON SHARES MUST BE SENT WITH YOUR LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

The undersigned hereby deposits with the Offeror, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer and the Letter of Transmittal, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Common Shares listed below, pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedure set forth in Section 3 of the Offer, “Manner of Acceptance — Procedure for Guaranteed Delivery”.

Certificate Number(s) (if available)	Name(s) in which Registered (please print)	Number of Common Shares Represented by Certificate	Number of Common Shares Deposited*
TOTAL:			
<i>(Please print or type. If space is insufficient, please attach a list to this Notice of Guaranteed Delivery in the above form.)</i>			

SRP RIGHTS** (To be completed if necessary)			
Certificate Number(s)	Name(s) in which Registered (please print)	Number of SRP Rights Represented by Certificate	Number of SRP Rights Deposited*
TOTAL:			
<i>(Please print or type. If space is insufficient, please attach a list to this Letter of Transmittal in the above form.)</i>			

* Unless otherwise indicated, the total number of Common Shares and SRP Rights evidenced by all certificates delivered will be deemed to have been deposited.

** The following procedures must be followed in order to effect the valid delivery of certificates representing SRP Rights (“Rights Certificates”): (i) if the Separation Time under the Replacement Shareholder Rights Plan has not occurred prior to the Expiry Time and Rights Certificates have not been distributed by Falconbridge, a deposit of Common Shares by the undersigned will also constitute a deposit of the associated SRP Rights; (ii) if Rights Certificates have been distributed by Falconbridge and received by the undersigned prior to the time the undersigned deposits Common Shares pursuant to the Offer, Rights Certificate(s) representing SRP Rights equal in number to the number of Common Shares deposited must be delivered with the certificates for the Common Shares; and (iii) if the Separation Time occurs and Rights Certificates are not distributed by the time that the undersigned deposits its Common Shares pursuant to the Offer, the undersigned may deposit its SRP Rights before receiving Rights Certificate(s) by using the guaranteed delivery procedure. Note that in any case, a deposit of Common Shares constitutes an agreement by the undersigned to deliver Rights Certificate(s) representing SRP Rights equal in number to the number of deposited Common Shares to the Depositary, on or before the third trading day on the TSX after the date, if any, that Rights Certificates are distributed. The Offeror reserves the right to require, if the Separation Time occurs before the Expiry Time, that the Depositary, receive from the undersigned, prior to taking up the Common Shares for payment pursuant to the Offer, Rights Certificate(s) representing SRP Rights equal in number to the Common Shares deposited by the undersigned.

CURRENCY OF PAYMENT

I wish to receive payment of consideration payable under the Offer in U.S. dollars based upon the Bank of Canada noon rate of exchange for Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars on the business day immediately preceding the delivery of the payment.

A Shareholder who does not check the box above will receive payment of consideration under the Offer in Canadian dollars.

Signature(s) of Holder of Common Shares	Address(es)
Name (please print or type)	
Date	Postal/Zip Code
	Daytime Telephone Number

GUARANTEE OF DELIVERY

The undersigned, a Canadian Schedule 1 chartered bank, a major trust company in Canada, a member of the Securities Transfer Association Medallion Program (STAMP), a member of the Stock Exchange Medallion Program (SEMP) or a member of the New York Stock Exchange Inc. Medallion Signature Program (MSP) (an “**Eligible Institution**”) guarantees delivery to the Depository of the certificates representing the Common Shares deposited hereby, in proper form for transfer together with delivery of a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal in the form enclosed herewith or a manually executed facsimile copy thereof, and all other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal, all on or before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the third trading day on the TSX after the date on which the Expiry Time occurs.

Name of Firm: _____	Authorized Signature: _____
Address of Firm: _____	Name: _____
_____	Title: _____
Telephone Number: _____	Date: _____

DO NOT SEND CERTIFICATES REPRESENTING COMMON SHARES OR SRP RIGHTS WITH THIS FORM. SUCH CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE SENT WITH YOUR LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

The Depositary and Information Agent for the Offer is:



The Exchange Tower
130 King Street West, Suite 2950, P.O. Box 361
Toronto, Ontario
M5X 1E2

North American Toll Free Phone: 1-866-639-7993

Facsimile: 416-867-2271
Toll Free Facsimile: 1-866-545-5580
contactus@kingsdaleshareholder.com
Outside North America, Bankers and Brokers Call Collect: 416-867-2272

The Dealer Managers for the Offer are:

In Canada

TD Securities Inc.
66 Wellington Street West
TD Bank Tower, 8th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5K 1A2
Telephone: (416) 982-4594

JP Morgan Securities Canada Inc.
Royal Bank Plaza
Toronto, ON M5J 2J2
Telephone: (416) 981-9200

Deutsche Bank Securities Limited
222 Bay Street
Suite 1100
Toronto, ON M5K 1E7
Telephone: (212) 250-6022

In the United States

JP Morgan Securities Inc.
277 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10172
Telephone: (212) 270-6000

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
60 Wall Street, 45th Floor
New York, NY 10005
Telephone: (212) 250-6022

TD Securities (USA) LLC
31 West 52nd Street, 20th Floor
New York, New York 10019
Telephone: (212) 827-7316

Any questions or requests for assistance may be directed to the Dealer Managers, the Depositary or the Information Agent. Requests for additional copies of the Offer and Circular, the Letter of Transmittal and this Notice of Guaranteed Delivery may be directed to the Depositary or the Dealer Managers at their respective offices. Shareholders may also contact their brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies or other nominees for assistance concerning the Offer.