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XSTRATA SUBSIDIARY FALCONBRIDGE LIMITED DECLARES PREFERRED SHARE DIVIDENDS

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Xstrata plc subsidiary, Falconbridge Limited ("Falconbridge"), has declared the following preferred share dividends:

Name of Falconbridge Security	Trading Symbol	Dividend Amount Per Share	Record Date	Payable Date
Preferred Shares, Series 2	FAL.PR.A	Floating rate Floating rate	April 30, 2007 May 31, 2007	May 14, 2007 June 12, 2007
Preferred Shares, Series 3	FAL.PR.B	Cdn\$0.2863	May 15, 2007	June 1, 2007
Preferred Shares, Series H	FAL.PR.H	Cdn\$0.40625	June 15, 2007	July 2, 2007

On February 21, 2007, the Parliament of Canada enacted amendments to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) which are intended to reduce the personal tax rate on "eligible dividends" paid after 2005. Falconbridge hereby notifies its holders of preferred shares that the full amounts of the dividends to be paid on the respective series of preferred shares set out above are designated as eligible dividends for purposes of these amendments and any applicable corresponding provincial provisions.

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