



PURCHASE OF SHARES BY BATISS INVESTMENTS

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Xstrata plc ("Xstrata") announces that it was advised by Batiss Investments Limited ("Batiss") yesterday that on 03 July 2008 Batiss purchased 925,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each in Xstrata at an average price per share of 3632.3806 pence, through Xstrata's Equity Capital Management Programme. The purchase represents approximately 0.09 per cent. of Xstrata's issued ordinary share capital and brings the total number of shares held by Batiss to 10,235,000 ordinary shares in Xstrata or 1.04 per cent. of Xstrata's issued ordinary share capital.

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