



REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

PURCHASE OF SHARES BY BATISS INVESTMENTS

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Xstrata plc ("Xstrata") announces that it was advised by Batiss Investments Limited ("Batiss") on Friday 18 July 2008 that Batiss purchased 355,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each in Xstrata at an average price per share of 3,367.89 pence, through Xstrata's Equity Capital Management Programme.

The purchase represents approximately 0.04 per cent. of Xstrata's issued ordinary share capital and brings the total number of shares held by Batiss to 16,230,000 ordinary shares in Xstrata or 1.66 per cent. of Xstrata's issued ordinary share capital.

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