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XSTRATA ACQUISITION OF SHARES IN LONMIN PLC

Further to its announcement concerning a proposed offer earlier today ("the Announcement"), Xstrata plc announces that it has acquired, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, a further 4,147,060 Lonmin plc ("Lonmin") shares, at a price of 3300p per share, representing approximately 2.65% of the existing issued share capital of Lonmin.

As at the time of this announcement, in addition to the Lonmin shares already acquired (as set out in the Announcement), Xstrata is interested in a total of 16,706,483 Lonmin shares, representing approximately 10.68% of the issued share capital of Lonmin.

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