



News Release

FERROCHROME CAPACITY UTILISATION

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In response to a strengthening in demand for ferrochrome, the Xstrata-Merafe Chrome Venture has increased capacity utilisation for 2009 to 60%. For this purpose, several furnaces at the Venture's five ferrochrome operations have been re-commissioned.

Ferrochrome demand is being monitored on a continuous basis and capacity utilisation will be adjusted in line with such variations in demand.

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