



## CONFIRMATION OF BOARD CHANGES

### REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

Zug, 10 May 2010

Dr Con Fauconnier has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of Xstrata plc ("Xstrata") following his election by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on 5 May 2010. Dr Fauconnier's appointment as a candidate for Xstrata's Board was announced in December 2009 and he served as a consultant to the Board until election at the AGM. As previously announced, Paul Hazen retired as a non-executive director of Xstrata's Board at the AGM.

Following his appointment, Dr Fauconnier will replace Paul Hazen as a member of the Board's Remuneration Committee and will also join the Board's Health, Safety, Environment and Community Committee. On joining the Xstrata plc Board, Dr Fauconnier resigned his position as a non-executive director of Merafe, to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

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international commodity markets: copper, coking coal, thermal coal, ferrochrome, nickel, vanadium and zinc, with a growing platinum group metals business, additional exposures to gold, cobalt, lead and silver, recycling facilities and a suite of global technology products, many of which are industry leaders. The Group's operations and projects span 19 countries.