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Glencore International plc

Merger Update – South African Competition Clearance

Glencore notes today's decision by the South African Competition Tribunal confirming that under the South African Competition Act it has cleared the recommended all-share merger of equals between Glencore and Xstrata.

Completion of the Merger remains conditional upon the receipt of the outstanding regulatory approval in China and completion of the Xstrata court process as further set out in the New Scheme Document in connection with the Merger published by Xstrata on 25 October 2012 and Glencore giving effect to the commitments required by the European Commission.

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