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**GLENCORE INTERNATIONAL PLC**  
**PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTATION**

On 7 February 2012, the Directors of Glencore International plc ("**Glencore**") and the Directors of Xstrata plc ("**Xstrata**") announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended all share merger of equals (the "**Merger**"). The Merger is being implemented by way of a Court sanctioned Scheme of Arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**").

**Documentation**

Glencore announces that the prospectus relating to the new shares to be issued by Glencore in connection with the Merger (the "**Prospectus**"), together with the circular to be sent to Glencore shareholders in connection with the Merger (the "**Glencore Circular**") have today been approved by the UK Listing Authority. Accordingly, the Prospectus and the Glencore Circular will be made available on Glencore's website ([www.glencore.com](http://www.glencore.com)), and Glencore shareholders will shortly receive a copy of the Glencore Circular.

Xstrata shareholders will also receive, amongst other documents, the scheme document in connection with the Merger, published today by Xstrata (the "**Scheme Document**"). Glencore understands that the Scheme Document will be made available on Xstrata's website ([www.xstrata.com](http://www.xstrata.com)).

**Shareholder Meetings**

As set out in the Glencore Circular, a Glencore general meeting will be held on 11 July 2012 to allow Glencore shareholders to vote on the proposed resolutions required to approve and implement the Merger.

In addition, as set out in the Scheme Document, a court meeting and general meeting in connection with the Scheme will be held on 12 July 2012 to allow Xstrata shareholders to vote on the proposed resolutions required to approve and implement the Scheme.

The key dates in respect of the Glencore and Xstrata shareholder meetings are as follows:

Latest time for lodging of proxy forms for the Glencore general meeting	11.00 a.m. Zug time on 9 July 2012 <sup>1</sup>
Glencore general meeting <sup>2</sup>	11.00 a.m. Zug time on 11 July 2012
Xstrata court meeting	11.00 a.m. Zug Time on 12 July 2012
Xstrata general meeting	11.30 a.m. Zug Time on 12 July 2012

<sup>1</sup> If Forms of Proxy are lodged with Glencore's Registrar in Hong Kong, the latest time for lodging the Forms of Proxy is 5.00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 9 July 2012.

<sup>2</sup> The Glencore general meeting will be held at Theatre-Casino Zug, Artherstrasse 2-4, Zug, Switzerland

Completion of the Merger remains conditional upon, amongst other things, approval of the Merger by Xstrata shareholders and Glencore shareholders, certain regulatory approvals and completion of the Court process as further set out in the Scheme Document.

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Copies of the Prospectus and Glencore Circular have been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will be available for inspection at [www.hemscott.com/nsm.do](http://www.hemscott.com/nsm.do). The Prospectus and Glencore Circular are also available for inspection at the registered office of Glencore, Queensway House, Hilgrove Street, St Helier, Jersey JE1 1ES.

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#### *Publication on Website*

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