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XSTRATA SUBSIDIARY XSTRATA CANADA CORPORATION DECLARES PREFERRED SHARE DIVIDENDS

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Xstrata plc subsidiary, Xstrata Canada Corporation (“XCC”), has declared the following preferred share dividends:

Name of XCC Security	Trading Symbol	Dividend Amount Per Share	Record Date	Payable Date
Preferred Shares, Series 2	FAL.PR.A	Floating rate	March 31, 2008	April 14, 2008
		Floating rate	April 30, 2008	May 12, 2008
		Floating rate	May 30, 2008	June 12, 2008
Preferred Shares, Series 3	FAL.PR.B	Cdn\$0.2863	May 15, 2008	June 2, 2008

On February 21, 2007, the Parliament of Canada enacted amendments to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) which are intended to reduce the personal tax rate on “eligible dividends” paid after 2005. XCC hereby notifies its holders of preferred shares that the full amounts of the dividends to be paid on the respective series of preferred shares set out above are designated as eligible dividends for purposes of these amendments and any applicable corresponding provincial provisions.

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