

**NOTICE 1946 OF 2005****COMPETITION TRIBUNAL****NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO APPROVE MERGER**

The Competition Tribunal gives notice in terms of rule 35 (5) (b) (ii) of the "Rules for the conduct of proceedings in the Competition Tribunal" as published in Government Gazette, No. 22025 of 1 February 2001, that on 8 September 2005 it approved without conditions the merger between Merafe Ferrochome and Mining (Pty) Ltd and Xstrata South Africa (Pty) Ltd/The Xstrata-Samancor Production Joint Venture and Samancor Ltd.

(Case No. 56/LM/Jun05)

**The Chairperson, competition Tribunal**

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