



News Release

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Kumba Iron Ore statement

Anglo American plc wishes to draw attention to an announcement by Kumba Iron Ore Limited ("Kumba") in relation to the Sishen mining rights. The text of that announcement is copied below:

On 26 February 2010, Kumba issued an announcement indicating that its subsidiary, the Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd ("SIOC"), had notified ArcelorMittal South Africa Limited ("Mittal") on 5 February 2010, that Mittal had failed to convert its 21.4% undivided share in the old order mining rights which it held in relation to the Sishen mine in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act ("MPRDA"). SIOC, however, tendered to supply iron ore to Mittal on commercial terms.

While SIOC has applied for the residual 21.4% mining right previously held by Mittal, it should be noted that a prospecting right over the 21.4% interest has been granted by the Department of Mineral Resources to a third party. SIOC has lodged an appeal against the grant of the prospecting right and Kumba is currently engaged in discussions with the Department of Mineral Resources in relation to the 21.4% residual right in respect of the Sishen mine.

- End of Kumba announcement.

Notes to Editors:

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