



## NOTICE TO THE MARKET

**Barretos, July 8, 2009** - Minerva S.A. (BOVESPA: BEEF3; Bloomberg: BEEF3.BZ; Reuters: BEEF3.SA), one of the leading producers and sellers in Brazil of beef, leather and live cattle for export, is already establishing procedures for conducting business with its suppliers located in the state of Pará, further confirming the Company's policy of advocating the preservation of the Amazon Region and compliance with all environmental legislation.

Among the main points established, Minerva has committed to not acquire cattle from farms: (1) that appear on the lists of banned areas and areas with slave labor published on the internet by the environmental protection agency IBAMA and by the Ministry of Labor; and (2) that are involved, following notification by the Federal Prosecutors' Office to the Company, in legal actions (criminal or civil) related to the practice of slave labor or that have been convicted of invading indigenous lands or other land conflicts (fraudulent land claims / illegal deforestation).

Furthermore, the Company reaffirms that it does not operate plants in the state of Pará, that it was already in compliance with current legislation concerning the commercialization of animals from qualified farms, and that it also requires such practices from its beef suppliers.

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### About Minerva S.A.

Minerva S.A. is one of the leading producers and sellers of beef, leather and live cattle in Brazil, and is one of the country's three largest exporters in the sector in terms of gross sales revenue, exporting to around 80 countries. The Company has daily slaughter capacity of 6,600 head of cattle and processing capacity of 1,300 tons of beef, equivalent to approximately 9,300 heads of cattle. With a presence in the Brazilian states of São Paulo, Goiás, Tocantins, Mato Grosso do Sul as well as in Paraguay, Minerva operates seven slaughter and deboning plants, two tanneries and five distribution centers. Minerva also operates in the food service segment through the joint venture Minerva Dawn Farms (MDF), which has current meat processing capacity of 10 to 15 tons per hour, producing food made from beef, pork and poultry. In the 12 months through March 2009, the Company recorded net sales revenue of R\$2.2 billion, for growth of 38% on the same period a year earlier.