



NOTICE TO THE MARKET

Barretos, October 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 exports, in accordance with CVM Instruction 358, of January 3, 2002 and in response to the article published in the October 7, 2009 issue of the newspaper *Jornal do Comércio* entitled "Gigantes disputam Gold Meat em busca de valor agregado" (Giants compete for Gold Meat seeking higher added value), hereby informs that no agreement exists between Minerva S.A. and Frigorífico Gold Meat and that the two companies are not involved in any negotiations.

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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 exports in Brazil, and is one of the country's three largest exporters in the sector in terms of gross revenue, exporting to some 80 countries. The Company has slaughter capacity of 6,600 head/day and beef processing capacity of 1,430 tonnes/day, equivalent to some 9,500 head. Present in the states of São Paulo, Goiás, Tocantins, Mato Grosso do Sul and in Paraguay, Minerva operates seven slaughter and deboning plants, one tannery and five distribution centers. Minerva also operates in the food service segment through the joint venture Minerva Dawn Farms (MDF), which has meat processing capacity of 10 to 15 tonnes per hour, producing food products made from beef, pork and poultry. In the 12 months through June 2009, Minerva recorded net sales revenue of R\$2.3 billion, for growth of 22% on the same period a year earlier.