



**MINERVA**



**Press Release**

## **Minerva is Included in the Bovespa's INDX Index**

**Barretos, May 2, 2008** - Minerva S.A. (BOVESPA: BEEF3; Bloomberg: BEEF3.BZ; Reuters: BEEF3.SA), one of the market leaders in Brazil in the production and sale of beef products, leather and live cattle, announces to shareholders and the general market that it has been included in the INDX (Industrial Sector Index) of the São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa).

The Industrial Sector Index (INDX) has been designed to measure the performance of the most representative shares in the industrial sector, an important segment of the Brazilian economy. The INDX is composed of the industrial sector's most representative shares, which are selected from among the most traded shares on the Bovespa in terms of liquidity.

To be included in the index, shares must have met all the following conditions in the twelve months before the formation of the portfolio: (i) be among the 150 shares with the highest tradability index; (ii) must have been traded in at least 70% of the trading sessions; and (iii) be issued by a company classified in one of the sub-segments of the industrial sector and authorized to trade on the Bovespa.

The inclusion of Minerva's shares in the INDX demonstrates Minerva's commitment and its success at improving the liquidity of the shares in the market, as well as its strength and importance in the Brazilian industrial sector.

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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 revenue (US\$563 million in 2007), exporting to some 80 countries. The Company has slaughter capacity of 5,500 head/day, processing capacity of 1,300 tonne/day and leather capacity of 5,000 hides/day. Minerva is present in the states of São Paulo, Goiás, Tocantins and Mato Grosso, where it operates six slaughterhouses, seven deboning plants and two tanneries, as well as distribution centers located in Olímpia and São Bernardo do Campo. In 2007 the Company recorded net sales revenue of R\$ 1.46 billion and EBITDA of R\$ 121 million.

*This release contains forward-looking statements relating to the prospects of the business, estimates for operating and financial results, and those related to growth prospects of MINERVA. These are merely projections and, as such, are based exclusively on the expectations of MINERVA's management concerning the future of the business and its continued access to capital to fund the Company's business plan. Such forward-looking statements depend, substantially, on changes in market conditions, government regulations, competitive pressures, the performance of the Brazilian economy and the industry, among other factors and risks disclosed in MINERVA's filed disclosure documents and are, therefore, subject to change without prior notice.*



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