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15 March, 2002

Dear Sirs

Re: 12g3-2(b) Exemption for Anglo American plc  
Exemption number 82 - 97



Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 12g3-2(b) promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, we are hereby furnishing information that Anglo American plc has made public Press Releases relating to:

- Joint cash offer by Mondi International S.A., Saica International B.V. and LR Investments B.V. for La Rochette.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of  
Anglo American plc

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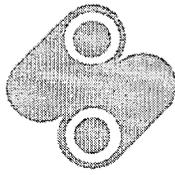
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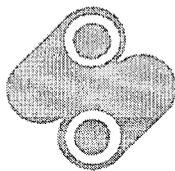
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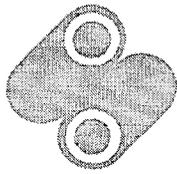
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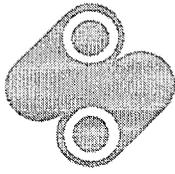
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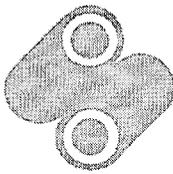
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