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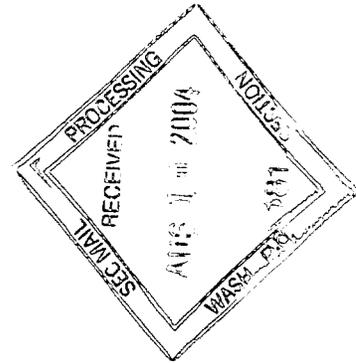
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3 August, 2004

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 announcements relating to:

- Press Release re Anglo Coal signs joint venture agreement dated 2 August 2004.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of Anglo American plc

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