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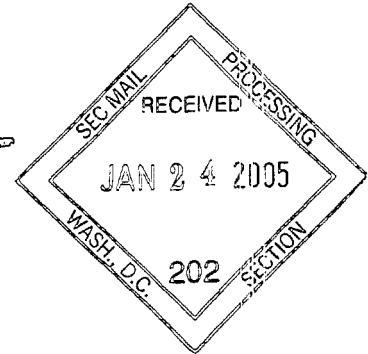
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15 December, 2004

Dear Sirs

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

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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 – Anglo Coal and Mitsui expand Australian Coal Operation dated 15 December 2004.

Yours faithfully  
For and on behalf of Anglo American plc

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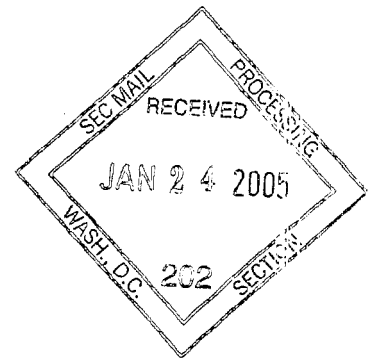
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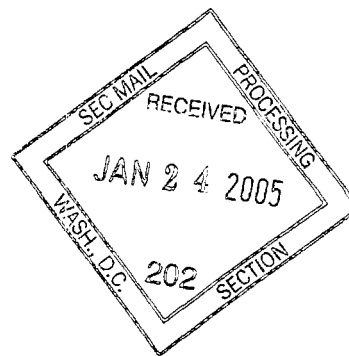
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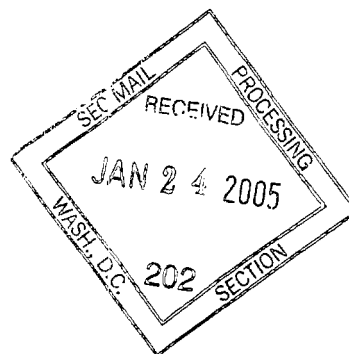
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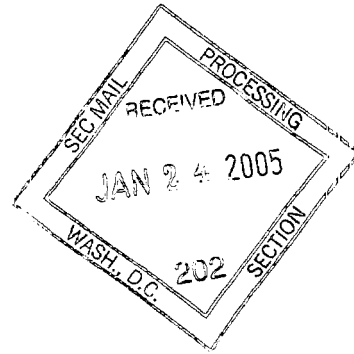
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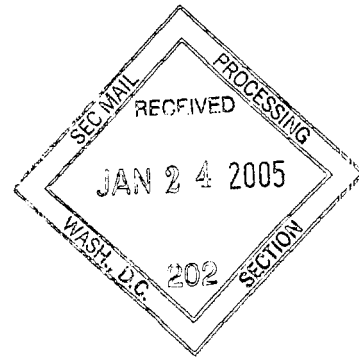
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