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**Horizonte Minerals plc ('Horizonte' or 'the Company')
Holdings in Company**

Horizonte Minerals plc, the AIM listed exploration and development company focussed on Brazil and Peru, was notified on 26 August 2008 that Anglo Pacific Group plc has purchased 6,100,000 ordinary shares in the Company. Following this purchase, Anglo Pacific Group plc is interested in 9,150,000 ordinary shares in the Company representing 22.62% of the issued share capital of the Company.

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Notes to Editors:

Horizonte Minerals plc is an AIM listed exploration and development company with an extensive portfolio of gold, nickel, silver, lead and zinc projects in producing mineral districts in Brazil and Peru. It has three primary projects working towards a resource definition including the 22,556 hectare Lontra nickel project situated in the Araguaia mobile belt, which flanks the eastern margin of the Carajas Mineral Province of northern Brazil, the silver-zinc-lead project El Aguilia in Peru, located in the historic mining district of Cerro de Pasco and the 300 sq km Falcao gold project located near the Lontra project. In addition, the Company recently signed an agreement with gold producer Barrick Gold Corporation via its subsidiary, Placer Dome del Peru S.A.C., to explore and acquire its 2147 hectare Pararapa gold property located in the Department of Arequipa, southern Peru. Furthermore Horizonte has a generative pipeline of early stage projects in development.

The Company is focussed on generating and rapidly advancing exploration projects before joint venturing them with a major mining company to further develop the projects and provide mid-term cash flow, which can be fed back into the business and its other projects. This model was proven in December 2007 when Horizonte signed an option agreement with Troy Resources (ASX:TRY), to operate and develop its Brazilian Tangara gold project by expending a total US \$2.8 million on exploration and development as well as a royalty payment on production.