



## NOTICE TO THE MARKET

**Barretos, August 20, 2009** - Minerva S.A. (BOVESPA: BEEF3; Bloomberg: BEEF3.BZ; Reuters: BEEF3.SA), one of the leading companies in Brazil in the production and sale of beef, leather and live cattle exports, in accordance with CVM Instruction 358, of January 3, 2002, and in response to the following request from BM&FBOVESPA (GAE/CAEM1953-09), *“An article published by Jornal do Comércio in its August 19, 2009 issue states, among other information, that Minerva registered record high revenue in July. We request clarification of the article’s content, notably the amount of revenue in July 2009, as well as any other information deemed relevant.”*, hereby informs the market that the statement about Minerva’s performance was made during the Company’s conference call to present its results for the second quarter of 2009 and clarifies that revenue in July was R\$290 million, with this amount subject to revision by the company’s auditors. The result demonstrates the continuous progress achieved by Minerva in each period.

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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 exports in Brazil, and is one of the country’s three largest exporters in the sector in terms of gross revenue, exporting to some 80 countries. The Company has slaughter capacity of 6,000 head/day and beef processing capacity of 1,300 tonnes/day, equivalent to approximately 9,500 head. Present in the states of São Paulo, Goiás, Tocantins, Mato Grosso do Sul and in Paraguay, Minerva operates seven slaughter and deboning plants, one tannery and five distribution centers. Minerva also operates in the food service segment through the joint venture Minerva Dawn Farms (MDF), which has current meat processing capacity of 10 to 15 tonnes per hour, producing food made from beef, pork and poultry. In the 12 months through June 2009, the Company recorded net sales revenue of R\$ 2.3 billion, for growth of 22% on the same period a year earlier.