



## **MINERVA SIGNS ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Barretos, October 5, 2009** - Minerva S.A. (BOVESPA: BEEF3; Bloomberg: BEEF3.BZ; Reuters: BEEF3.SA), one of the leading producers and sellers of beef, leather and live cattle in Brazil, hereby informs the general market in general that, this Monday morning, during a public event in the auditorium of the Getúlio Vargas Foundation, with the presence of government authorities, representatives of meatpacking companies and the NGO Greenpeace, it signed the term "Minimum Criteria for Industrial Scale Cattle and Beef Product Operations in the Amazon Biome".

The agreement's main purpose is to eliminate deforestation in the meatpacking industry's production and commercial chain in the Amazon Biome. The six criteria listed in the agreement are: (1) Zero deforestation in the supply chain; (2) No invasions of indigenous reserves and protected areas; (3) The rejection of slave labor; (4) The rejection of land grabbing and agrarian conflicts; (5) A monitorable, verifiable and reportable traceability system; and (6) Implementation of the commitments throughout the production chain.

Minerva has always been in compliance with the environmental legislation governing the sale of livestock and has been historically strongly committed to issues concerning social, environmental and economic sustainability. The signature of this document ratifies the Company's policy of supporting the preservation of the Amazon region and complying with social and environmental regulations.

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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 1,430 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.



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