

MINERVA S.A. Publicly-held Company – CVM No. 20931-1 Corporate Taxpayer ID. (CNPJ/MF): 67.620.377/0001-14 Company Registry No. (NIRE): 35.300.344.022 Av. Antônio Manço Bernardes, s/n°, Rotatória Família Vilela de Queiroz, Chácara Minerva CEP 14781-545 – Barretos/SP

Notice to the Market

Standard & Poor's – Upgrade of Credit Rating

Barretos (SP), May 2, 2013 - Minerva S.A. ("Company"), one of the leaders in South America in the production and sale of fresh beef, live cattle and cattle byproducts, with operations also in the beef, pork and poultry processing segments, hereby informs its shareholders and the general market that it had its global scale credit rating attributed by Standard & Poor's upgraded to "BB-" from "B+" and national scale rating to "brA-" from "brBBB+" with stable outlook.

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About Minerva S.A.

Minerva S.A. is one of the leading producers and sellers of beef, leather, live cattle exports and cattle byproducts in South America, and one of Brazil's three largest exporters in the industry in terms of gross sales revenue, exporting to around 100 countries. It has a daily slaughtering capacity of 11,480 head of cattle and beef deboning capacity of 2,240 tons. Present in the states of São Paulo, Rondônia, Goiás, Tocantins, Mato Grosso do Sul, Minas Gerais and Pará, as well as in Paraguay and Uruguay, Minerva operates eleven slaughter and deboning plants and ten distribution centers. It also operates in the food service segment through the joint venture Minerva Dawn Farms (MDF), whose total meat processing capacity is 160 tonnes per day, producing food made from beef, pork and poultry. In the 12 months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recorded net sales revenue of R\$4.3 billion, up 13.8% on the same period a year earlier.







