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## El Tesoro obtains LME Grade A certification

**London: 4 August 2003** – Antofagasta plc announces that its 61% owned Minera El Tesoro, located in Chile's Second Region, has obtained certification from the London Metal Exchange (LME) to have its cathodes listed as a standard Grade A quality commodity under the MET brand. In order to obtain certification, El Tesoro successfully underwent the rigorous LME procedure to confirm the quality and consistency of its cathodes, including high standards of quality control.

El Tesoro is a standard heap-leach SX-EW operation, which is expected to produce 85,000 tonnes of cathodes in 2003.

Antofagasta is a UK-listed copper mining group with mining operations at Los Pelambres, El Tesoro and Michilla in Chile.

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