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## **Annual Report and Financial Statements and Notices of Meetings**

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Antofagasta plc (the "**Company**") will post today its 2005 annual report and financial statements ("**Annual Report and Financial Statements**") to shareholders.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements contain the notice of the Annual General Meeting and notices of separate class meetings of the ordinary and preference shareholders of the Company. The meetings to which these notices relate are to be held at Canning House, 2 Belgrave Square, London SW1 on 14 June 2006 from 10.30 a.m. The Annual Report and Financial Statements contain a section which sets out details of the following special business to be proposed at these meetings:

- to increase the number of ordinary shares in issue through the bonus issue of four new ordinary shares (credited as fully paid) for each ordinary share held by shareholders of the Company at the close of business on 16 June 2006 and, consequently, in order to maintain the voting rights of each preference share as a proportion of total votes entitled to be exercised at a general meeting, an increase in the voting rights carried by each preference share to 100 votes;
- the adoption of revised articles of association of the Company; and
- the grant of a general authority to the Company to make market purchases of ordinary shares representing up to 10 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company (as enlarged following the bonus issue).

Two copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements (containing the circular) and the proposed revised articles of association have been submitted to the UK Listing Authority and will shortly be available for inspection at the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility, which is situated at Financial Services Authority, 25 The North Colonnade, London E14 5HS. Each of these documents will also be available on the Company's website at [www.antofagasta.co.uk](http://www.antofagasta.co.uk).

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