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**Correction to Explanation of Special Business contained in the
2005 Annual Report and Financial Statements**

London, 22 May 2006

Antofagasta plc today will post a letter to shareholders correcting in one respect the Explanation of Special Business section of the 2005 Annual Report and Financial Statements. The correction relates to the description of one of the articles of the revised new articles of association which are proposed for adoption at the Annual General Meeting and the Class Meetings to be held on 14 June 2006.

Two copies of this letter 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. The letter will also be available on the Company's website at www.antofagasta.co.uk.

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