

Date: March 2, 2004

By: /s/ Augusto Marques da Cruz Filho

Name: Augusto Marques da Cruz Filho
Title: Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ Fernando Queiroz Tracanella

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Title: Investor Relations Officer

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99.1 The Company announces their Minutes of the Special Shareholders' Meeting held on March 1st, 2004.