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## Martin Hayes Joins BaseMetals.com

**PRESS RELEASE - Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006 – FastMarkets Ltd, providers of rapid commodity news and market data and operators of the leading metals website BaseMetals.com today announced the appointment of Martin Hayes as Senior Correspondent.**

After 31 years service with Reuters where he lead a team of journalists covering both base and precious news reporting, Martin Hayes will be leaving to join the FastMarkets team on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. In his capacity as our Senior Correspondent Martin Hayes will continue to provide breaking news and views from the ringside at the London Metal Exchange and from our nearby offices at Camomile Street in London.

“We are delighted to have Martin on the team as he is arguably the most experienced commentator in the metals market” said Joint Managing Director Dominic Hall, before adding “he will play a leading role in the development of our editorial team, generating authoritative analysis of the markets as they move”.

Martin joins an editorial team that is increasingly seen by market participants as providing an independent source of market reporting which is both swift and reliable, thereby providing users with a dealing room quality service but with all the flexibility that a web browser provides – at an affordable price.

Commenting upon the appointment Joint Managing Director Ross Norman said “we are very pleased to have Martin on board and this high profile appointment underscores the importance we place upon providing the highest quality of market intelligence and feedback to our subscribers.”

Speaking of his appointment Hayes added “I am delighted to be joining FastMarkets at this innovative time in the company's development, and look forward to being part of what I am sure will be its further growth in the market-place.”

BaseMetals.com is an authorised distributor of real-time and delayed LME and COMEX data and, using its advanced technical platform, it can stream market prices, news and research over the internet to paying subscribers. For those frequently on the move the Company has recently launched a mobile version of its website for those wishing to stay in contact with the market via a mobile phone, PDA or Blackberry.

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FastMarkets is a leading provider of online commodity market information, bringing precious and base metals prices, news and research to a worldwide user base through its two websites **TheBullionDesk.com** and **BaseMetals.com**. The two websites have become foremost in their respective fields by successfully delivering rapid data and up-to-the-moment information that has come to be seen by market participants as reliable, authoritative and influential – the websites are successful primarily because they have successfully leveraged technology to deliver information

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BaseMetals.com is quickly gaining momentum amongst market professionals, miners, refiners and industrial clients who use it routinely as a rapid source of non-ferrous market information. Although offering plenty of free-to-view information, Premium Subscribers to BaseMetals.com receive a far richer experience with real-time LME and COMEX streaming prices, exclusive access to research from the leading metals analysts, commentary from our in-house editorial team plus state-of-the-art technical analysis charting tools - all of which puts the user right on the pulse of the market. In recent months BaseMetals.com has undergone much stress-testing and we completed the upgrading of the data feed direct from the LME ; it is now said to be the only full-service provider of exchange data, reports and other market information available through a browser. Truly a dealing room experience but with all of the mobility that a browser permits.

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TheBullionDesk.com was originally formed by three metals traders in October 1999 with the initial aim of being the "definitive online resource for live precious metals information and services". This portal for the precious metals trading community has grown in usage and reputation and is now regarded by many in the dealing community as one of the single most important sources of bullion market information. TheBullionDesk.com provides one of the world's largest single online sources of metals market news, real-time spot and futures market prices, state-of-the-art charting tools and research, both from the leading bullion banks - plus in-house market analysis created by its own researchers. TheBullionDesk.com is currently the only reliable bullion website providing a live streaming precious metals price feed and in providing a host of advanced features such as technical charting analysis, page customisation, SMS alerts on price levels being triggered and a cut-down version of the site available to blackberry/mobile phone users.

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