



# CHINA METAL RESOURCES HOLDINGS LIMITED

## 中國金屬資源控股有限公司

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

(Stock Code: 8071)

### THE TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANCY SERVICES FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Board is pleased to announce that on 1 April 2008, GIGCAS and the Company entered into the Framework Agreement. GIGCAS agreed to provide the relevant technical support and consultancy services on mine exploration, selection, exploitation and managing of tailings from the Company's mineral resources projects developed in the PRC.

This announcement is made by the Company on a voluntary basis.

The board (“**Board**”) of directors (“**Directors**”) of China Metal Resources Holdings Limited (“**Company**”) is pleased to announce that on 1 April 2008, Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences (abbreviated as “**GIGCAS**”) and the Company entered into the technology consultancy services framework agreement (“**Framework Agreement**”). GIGCAS agreed to provide the relevant technical support and consultancy services on mine exploration, selection, exploitation and managing of tailings from the Company's mineral resources projects developed in the People's Republic of China (“**PRC**”).

#### THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the Framework Agreement, the Company has appointed GIGCAS for the provision of the relevant technical support in order to improve the efficiency of exploration and exploitation, select appropriate method of mining, lower the cost of mine selection, and manage the tailings in a scientific and reasonable manner.

## **INFORMATION ON GIGCAS**

GIGCAS is the most reputable academy of sciences in the PRC while Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences professionally engaged in the scientific research of geological mineral resources. The principal research projects are evolution of ocean and continent lithosphere and mineral resources, regional environment and sustainable development item. It is equipped with a number of international major scientific research laboratories in the PRC and professional technological specialists. It is highly respected in the fields of mine exploration, exploitation and extraction of mineral resources.

## **INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY**

The Company is listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“GEM”), and is principally engaged in the exploitation, research and development, processing and trading of related business of mineral resources.

## **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE COMPANY FROM ENTERING INTO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

As announced by the Company on 23 January 2008, the Company is actively involved in the investment of natural resources industry which allows the Group to diversify its business into gold mining industry in the PRC and increases the growth and profitability of the Group in the future.

In view of the significant increase in demand of gold since early 2006, it is expected that the gold market in the PRC will follow the trend and the demand for gold is expected to increase in the PRC. Moreover, the gold market in the PRC has gradually become deregulated in recent years and the PRC government has established a series of policies to promote development of the gold industry. Meanwhile, the PRC government also strongly encouraged gold mining enterprises to adopt advanced gold mining and production technology by offering them preferential treatments on taxations. The related development has significantly improved the business environment of the gold mining industry in the PRC.

Meanwhile, in view of the booming economy, improving infrastructural development and the increasing in demand for resources in the PRC, the Board is optimistic about the future market demand for mineral resources and prospects of the mineral resources industry.

Moreover, GIGCAS possesses extensive expertise in the mine exploration, exploitation and extraction of mineral resources and can provide relevant technical support and consultancy services to the Company, thereby facilitating the Company to further develop its mineral resources exploration and exploitation business.

## GENERAL

This announcement is made by the Company on a voluntary basis.

The entering into the Framework Agreement does not constitute a connected transaction of the Company subject to the requirements under Chapter 20 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM (“**GEM Listing Rules**”) and does not constitute a discloseable transaction of the Company subject to the requirements under Chapter 19 of the GEM Listing Rules.

To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Board having made all reasonable enquiries, GIGCAS is an independent third party not connected with the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules).

By order of the Board  
**China Metal Resources Holdings Limited**  
**Leung Ngai Man**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 2 April 2008

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Messrs. Leung Ngai Man, Ng Kwok Chu, Winfield and Ms. Wu Wei Hua; and the independent non-executive Directors are Dr. Leung Wai Cheung, Messrs. Chan Sing Fai and Liu Jia Qing.*

*This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief: (1) the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading; (2) there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading; and (3) all opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and are founded on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable.*

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