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Change of Company Name

Following the approval received from shareholders at the EGM held today Mr Zhihua Yao, Vice General Manager of Chinalco Yunnan Copper Industry (Group) Co Ltd (CYCI) and Co-Chairman of Chinalco Yunnan Copper Resources Limited (CYU) said "The name change reflects the full support of the Chinalco Group to CYU."

He went on to say "Chinalco is focused on a strategic transformation to become the most competitive mining house in the world. As part of that strategy, high emphasis will be placed on exploration and mining. CYU is well placed to play an integral role within the group in this key strategic direction."

Mr Norm Zillman CYU's Australian Co-Chairman said "It is a great step forward and a privilege for CYU to be recognised as an important member of the Chinalco Group and a key participant in Chinalco's long term strategic development."

Mr Zillman added "The current range of projects that CYU is investigating in Australia, Chile and Laos have the potential to launch CYU from an exploration company to a producer. With the added credentials of being a recognised member of the Chinalco Group it is probable that new high quality project opportunities of varying sizes will be presented to CYU from third parties and also from within the Chinalco Group. This should accelerate the growth and development of CYU to the benefit of all of our shareholders."

The change of name will formally take effect once it has been processed by ASIC.

About CYCI

CYCI is China's third largest copper producer and produced 286,000 tonnes of copper cathodes in 2009 for revenue of US\$2.75 billion. CYCI has copper resources and reserves of around 8 million tonnes metal in situ. Chinalco holds a 51% interest in CYCI. Chinalco has confirmed its strategic alliance with CYCI and reiterated their ongoing support for Chinalco Yunnan Copper to become CYCI's international investment arm and mining house.

On behalf of the Board

Paul Marshall
Company Secretary