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Dear Sir/Madam

APPOINTMENT OF OMH NOMINEE DIRECTOR ON NFE BOARD

The Board of OM Holdings Limited ("OMH" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Peter Campbell Church OAM as a non-executive director to the Board of Northern Iron Limited (ASX: NFE) ("NFE").

The appointment is in accordance with the share subscription agreement dated 19 January 2010 between the Company and NFE, which permits OMH to appoint a nominee to NFE's Board subject to it maintaining a shareholding in excess of 10%.

Mr. Church is an independent non-executive director of OMH and is a successful and experienced Australian commercial lawyer and corporate adviser with extensive international experience.

In 1994 Mr. Church was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) by the Australian Government for his promotion of business between Australia and South East Asia.

In addition to his directorship of OMH, Mr. Church's roles include being the chairman of AFG Venture Group, Special Counsel to the English law firm of Stephenson Harwood, a non-executive director of the Singapore International Chamber of Commerce and a non-executive director of Elara Capital PLC. Mr. Church is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Yours faithfully
OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

OMH listed on the ASX in March 1998 and has its foundations in metals trading – incorporating the sourcing and distribution of manganese ore products and subsequently in processing ores into ferro-manganese intermediate products. The OMH Group now operates commercial mining operations – leading to a fully integrated operation covering Australia, China and Singapore.

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, OM (Manganese) Ltd, OMH controls 100% of the Bootu Creek Manganese Mine ("Bootu Creek") located 110 km north of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Bootu Creek has the capacity to produce 1,000,000 tonnes of manganese product annually. Bootu Creek has further exploration potential given that its tenement holdings extend over 2,400km^2.

Bootu Creek's manganese product is exclusively marketed by the OMH Group's own trading division with a proportion of the product consumed by the OMH Group's wholly-owned Qinzhou smelter located in south west China.

Through its Singapore based commodity trading activities, OMH has established itself as a significant manganese supplier to the Chinese market. Product from Bootu Creek has strengthened OMH's position in this market.

OMH is a constituent of the S&P/ASX 300 a leading securities index.

OMH holds a 26% investment in Ntsimbintle Mining (Proprietary) Ltd, which holds a 50.1% interest in the world class Tshipi Borwa manganese project in South Africa.

OMH also holds the following strategic shareholding interests in ASX listed entities:

- *11% shareholding in **Northern Iron Limited** (ASX Code: NFE), a company presently producing iron ore from its Sydvaranger iron ore mine located in northern Norway; and*

- *4% shareholding in **Shaw River Resources Limited** (ASX Code: SRR), a company presently exploring for manganese in Namibia, Western Australia and Ghana.*