

OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Dear Sir/Madam

OM SARAWAK GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The Board of OM Holdings Limited ("OMH" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that OM Materials (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd ("OM Sarawak"), which is 80% owned by the Company, today held a ground-breaking ceremony of its Ferro Alloy Smelting Project ("the Project") at the Samalaju Industrial Park in Sarawak, Malaysia.

Those in attendance at the ceremony included the Right Honourable Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak, YB Datuk Amar Hj Awang Tengah Ali Hassan, Minister for Resource Planning and Environment, His Excellency Miles Kupa, Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, and His Excellency Ong Keng Yong, Singapore High Commissioner to Malaysia.

Other representatives witnessing the ceremony included the Chairman of Cahya Mata Sarawak Berhad (OMH's strategic partner with a 20% equity investment in OM Sarawak), senior representatives from Hanwa Co., Ltd and JFE Shoji Trade Corporation of Japan, together with other partners, prospective lenders, stakeholders and service providers of OM Sarawak.

As recently advised, OM Sarawak continues to target the financial close of the Project by Q4 2012 and expects the first phase of the Project to commence production by Q1 2014, reaching full capacity by Q4 2014.

Yours faithfully

OM HOLDINGS LIMITED



Heng Siow Kwee/Julie Wolseley
Company Secretary



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 2,800km².

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 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:

- 14% 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 Manganese Limited** (ASX Code: SRR), a company presently exploring for manganese in Namibia, Western Australia and Ghana.
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