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中國鎳資源
CHINA NICKEL RESOURCES
China Nickel Resources Holdings Company Limited
中國鎳資源控股有限公司
(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 2889)

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS AS AUDITOR**

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of China Nickel Resources Holdings Company Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) announces that for the purpose of maintaining good corporate governance, the Board considers that it is an appropriate time to change the auditor of the Company (the “**Auditor**”) as Ernst & Yong (“**E&Y**”) have been the Auditor for approximately nine years. E&Y agree to retire with effect from the conclusion of the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company (the “**AGM**”). The Board has resolved, with the recommendation from the audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”), to propose the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as the new Auditor to fill the vacancy following the retirement of E&Y as the Auditor at the AGM and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (the “**Proposal**”). The Proposal is subject to the approval by the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) at the AGM.

E&Y have confirmed in writing that there were no matters connected with the Proposal that should be brought to the attention of the Shareholders. The Board has also confirmed that there were no matters in respect of the Proposal that should be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

The Board and the Audit Committee have further confirmed that there were no disagreements or unresolved matters between the Company and E&Y regarding the change in Auditor. The Board would like to express its appreciation for the services of E&Y provided to the Group.

For and on behalf of the Board
China Nickel Resources Holdings Company Limited
Dong Shutong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 April 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Dong Shutong (Chairman), Ms. Ng See Wai Rowena, Mr. Chiang Shyh-yi, Mr. Song Wenzhou, Mr. Dong Chengzhe and Mr. Yang Fei; the non-executive director of the Company is Mr. Yang Tianjun; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Bai Baohua, Mr. Huang Changhuai, Mr. Wong Chi Keung and Mr. Fahmi Idris.