

## **APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The board (the "Board") of directors ("Directors") of Stone Group Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce that Mr. Cheng Fumin has been appointed as a non-executive director of the Company with effect from 4 October, 2007.

Mr. Cheng, aged 63, graduated from the Central South University (formerly known as Zhongnan Metallurgics College), majoring in geology. Prior to joining the Company, he previously held senior positions in a number of companies, government bodies and industry organisation including the former general manager of the China National Gold Group Corporation, the former general manager of Beijing Ye Di Industrial Corporation (北京冶地實業總公司), the former director of Administration of Gold of State Economic & Trade Commission of China, vice-director of geology bureau of the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry of China and the former president of China Gold Association. Mr. Cheng has extensive knowledge and is experienced in the exploration and development of the mineral resources. Moreover, he previously held the office of directorship in the relevant government bureau. The Board believes that in light of his knowledge and experience, he can provide valuable advice to the business development of the Company in the future.

Mr. Cheng has not held any directorship in other listed public companies during the past three years.

Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Cheng has not held any position with the Company and other members of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group").

Mr. Cheng is a member of the committee of technical advisers to Stone Resources Limited, being a company incorporated in Hong Kong and beneficially owned as to 16.67%, 20.00% and the remaining 63.33%, respectively of its share capital by the Company, Seasource Holdings Limited (being a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and wholly owned by Mr. Duan Yongji, who is a Chairman of the Company and a Director) and six shareholders who are third parties independent of the Group and connected persons of the Group.

Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Cheng does not have any relationship with any director, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company, and does not have any interest in shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Under Mr. Cheng's service agreement with the Company, he will be appointed for an initial term of three years with effect from 4 October, 2007 unless terminated by either party giving not less than three months' notice in writing to the other party. Mr. Cheng's office as a director is subject to retirement and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. Mr. Cheng will be entitled to receive a director's fee of approximately HK\$20,833 per month which is payable to him quarterly.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made reasonable enquiry, the Directors are not aware of any are required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules or need to be brought to attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to welcome Mr. Cheng Fumin to the Board.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises eleven directors, of which Messrs. DUAN Yongji, SHI Yuzhu, SHEN Guojun, CHEN Xiaotao and ZHANG Disheng and Ms. LIU Wei are executive directors, Mr. CHENG Fumin is non-executive director, Messrs. NG Ming Wah, Charles, Andrew Y. YAN, LIU Ji and LIU Jipeng are independent non-executive directors.

On behalf of the Board **DUAN Yongji** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 4 October, 2007