



中國稀土控股有限公司

China Rare Earth Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 769)

**Terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee (“Committee”) of
the Board (“Board”) of Directors (“Directors”)
of China Rare Earth Holdings Limited (“Company”)**

1. Constitution

1.1 The Committee is established pursuant to a resolution passed by the Board at its meeting held on 19 August 2005.

2. Membership

2.1 Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board from amongst the members of the Board and shall consist of not less than three members and a majority of which should be independent non-executive Directors.

2.2 The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall be an independent non-executive Director.

2.3 The secretary of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board. In the absence of the secretary of the Committee, Committee members present at the meeting may elect among themselves or appoint another person as the secretary for that meeting.

2.4 The appointment of the members or secretary of the Committee may be revoked, or additional members may be appointed to the Committee by separate resolutions passed by the Board and by the Committee. An appointment of Committee member shall be automatically revoked if such member ceases to be a member of the Board.

3. Proceedings of the Committee

3.1 Notice:

(a) Unless otherwise agreed by all the Committee members (either orally or in writing), a meeting shall be called by at least seven days’ notice. Irrespective of the length of notice being given, attendance of a Committee member at a meeting constitutes a waiver of such notice unless the Committee member attending the meeting attends for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting has not been properly convened.

(Pursuant to paragraph A.1.3 of Appendix 14 of the Rules (“**Listing Rules**”) Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Stock Exchange**”), regular board meetings should be called by at least 14 days’ notice.)

- (b) A Committee member may and, on the request of a Committee member, the secretary to the Committee shall, at any time summon a Committee meeting. Notice shall be given to each Committee member in person orally or in writing or by telephone or by e-mail or by facsimile transmission at the telephone or facsimile or address or e-mail address from time to time notified to the secretary by such Committee member or in such other manner as the Committee members may from time to time determine.
- (c) Any notice given orally shall be confirmed in writing as soon as practicable and before the meeting.
- (d) Notice of meeting shall state the purpose, time and place of the meeting and shall be accompanied by an agenda together with other documents which may be required to be considered by the members of the Committee for the purposes of the meeting. In respect of regular meetings of the Committee to be held as mentioned in clause 3.3 below, and so far as practicable for all other meetings of the Committee, the agenda and accompanying papers shall be sent in full to all the members of the Committee in a timely manner and at least three days before the intended date of the meeting of the Committee (or such other period as all the Committee members may agree).

3.2 **Quorum:** The quorum of the Committee meeting shall be two members of the Committee and a majority of which shall be the independent non-exclusive Directors.

3.3 **Frequency:** Meetings shall be held at least once every year to set policy on executive Directors’ remuneration and to fix the remuneration packages for all Directors.

3.4 No Committee member may vote on any resolution of the Committee regarding his own remuneration.

3.5 Written resolutions may be passed by all Committee members in writing.

4. Overriding principles

4.1 Remuneration levels should be sufficient to attract and retain Directors to run the Company successfully without paying more than necessary.

- 4.2 No Director should be involved in deciding his own remuneration.
- 4.3 The Committee should consult the chairman and/or chief executive about their remuneration proposals for other executive Directors. The Committee should have access to independent professional advice if necessary.

5. Alternate Committee members

- 5.1 A Committee member may not appoint any alternate.

6. Authority of the Committee

- 6.1 The Committee may exercise the following powers:
- (a) to review any proposed service contract with any Director or senior management before such contract is entered into and to make recommendation to the Company's human resources department for any changes to the proposed terms of such contract;
 - (b) to make recommendations regarding the remuneration, bonuses and welfare benefits of the executive Directors and the senior management;
 - (c) to request the Board to convene a shareholders' meeting (if necessary) for purposes of removing any Director and dismissing any employees if there is evidence showing that the relevant Director and/or employee has failed to discharge his duties properly;
 - (d) to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice at the expenses of the Company on any matters within these terms of reference as it considers necessary and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise at its meetings, if it considers this necessary;
 - (e) to review annually these terms of reference and their effectiveness in the discharge of its duties and to make recommendation to the Board any changes it considers necessary; and
 - (f) to exercise such powers as the Committee may consider necessary and expedient so that their duties under section 7 below can be properly discharged.
- 6.2 The Committee should be provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.

7. Duties of the Committee

7.1 The duties of the Committee shall be:

- (a) to make recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for all Directors' and senior management remuneration and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policy;
- (b) to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual executive Directors and senior management. This should include benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation payments, including any compensation payable for loss or termination of their office or appointment;
- (c) to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of non-executive Directors;
- (d) to consider salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities and employment conditions elsewhere in the Company and its subsidiaries;
- (e) to review and approve management's remuneration proposals by reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives;
- (f) to review and approve compensation payable to executive Directors and senior management for any loss or termination of office or appointment to ensure that it is consistent with contractual terms and is otherwise fair and not excessive;
- (g) to review and approve compensation arrangements relating to dismissal or removal of Directors for misconduct to ensure they are consistent with contractual terms and are otherwise reasonable and appropriate;
- (h) to ensure that no Director or any of his associates (within the meaning prescribed to it under the Listing Rules in force from time to time) is involved in deciding his own remuneration; and
- (i) to review and approve matters relating to share schemes under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

8. Minutes and records

8.1 The secretary shall, at the beginning of each meeting, ascertain and record the existence of any conflicts of interest and minute them accordingly. The relevant member of the Committee shall not be counted towards the quorum and he must abstain from voting on any resolution of the Committee in which he or any of his associates has a material interest, unless the exceptions set out in note 1 to Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules apply.

- 8.2 Full minutes of the meetings of the Committee and all written resolutions of the Committee should be kept by the secretary of the Committee. The secretary of the Committee shall circulate the draft and final versions of minutes of the meeting or, as the case may be, written resolutions of the Committee to all members of the Committee for their comment and records, in both cases within a reasonable time after the meeting (generally, meaning within 14 days after the meeting) or before the passing of the written resolutions. Once the minutes are signed, the secretary shall circulate the minutes and reports of the Committee to all members of the Board.
- 8.3 The secretary of the Committee shall keep record of all meetings of the Committee held during each financial year of the Company and records of individual attendance of members of the Committee, on a named basis, at meetings held during that financial year.
- 8.4 The Committee shall report back to the Board on their decisions or recommendations, unless there are legal or regulatory restrictions on their ability to do so (such as a restriction on disclosure due to regulatory requirements).

9. Annual general meeting

- 9.1 The chairman of the Committee or in his absence, another member of the Committee or failing this, his duly appointed delegate, shall attend the annual general meeting of the Company and be prepared to answer questions at the annual general meeting on the Committee's activities and their responsibilities.

10. Continuing application of the articles of association of the Company

- 10.1 The articles of association of the Company regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Directors so far as the same are applicable and are not replaced by the provisions in these terms of reference shall apply to the meetings and proceedings of the Committee.

11. Powers of the Board

- 11.1 The Board may, subject to compliance with the articles of association of the Company and the Listing Rules (including the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules or if adopted by the Company, the Company's own code of corporate governance practices), amend, supplement and revoke these terms of reference and any resolution passed by the Committee provided that no amendments to and revocation of these terms of reference and the resolutions passed by the Committee shall invalidate any prior act and resolution of the Committee which would have been valid if such terms of reference or resolution had not been amended or revoked.

12. Publication of the terms of reference of the Committee

12.1 The Committee should make available its terms of reference, explaining its role and the authority delegated to it by the Board by including them on the website of the Company and on the website of the Stock Exchange.

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