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五礦資源有限公司

MINMETALS RESOURCES LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1208)

**ANNOUNCEMENT ON EXPECTED PROFIT DECLINE
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09(1) of the Listing Rules.

The Board wishes to inform the Shareholders and potential investors that the consolidated results of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2008 are expected to decline significantly as compared with the corresponding period in 2007.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

This announcement is made by Minmetals Resources Limited (the "Company") pursuant to Rule 13.09(1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

Reference is made to the interim report of Company for the six months ended 30 June 2008. During the first half of 2008, accelerating global energy prices led to increased cost of alumina and had thus adversely affected the financial performance of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group"). The financial turmoil towards the end of 2008 has had a significant impact on various sectors across the global economy. The board of directors (the "Board") of the Company wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") and potential investors that the consolidated results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008 are expected to decline significantly as compared with the corresponding period in 2007.

The Board considers that the anticipated decline in the consolidated results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008 was primarily attributable to the following factors:

1. climbing global energy price increased the cost of imported alumina and adversely affected the gross profit margin of the Group's alumina trading business, in particular, during the first half of 2008;
2. the global financial turmoil towards the end of 2008 has had a severe impact on prices of alumina and aluminium resulting in further margin erosion; and
3. provision of inventory impairment and non-cash impairment provision on alumina purchasing rights were made as a result of decrease in prices of alumina and aluminium.

Despite the above situation, the Board considers that the overall operations and financial condition of the Group remain healthy.

The Company is in the process of finalising the results of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2008. The information contained in this announcement is only a preliminary assessment by the Board based on information currently available and is not based on any figures or information audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors. Details of the consolidated results of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2008 will be disclosed in the Company's results announcement as soon as practicable.

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By order of the Board
Minmetals Resources Limited
Hao Chuanfu
Executive Director and President

Hong Kong, 6 March 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises eleven directors, of which two are executive directors, namely Mr. Hao Chuanfu and Mr. Ren Suotang; six are non-executive directors, namely Mr. Zhou Zhongshu (Chairman), Mr. Xu Huizhong (Vice Chairman), Ms. Shen Ling, Mr. Zong Qingsheng, Mr. Wang Lixin and Mr. Cui Hushan; and three are independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Li Dongsheng, Mr. Chan Wai Dune and Mr. Ting Leung Huel, Stephen.