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# CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION EXTENSION AGREEMENT TO THE GRINDING MEDIA SUPPLY AGREEMENT

#### **Extension Agreement to the Grinding Media Supply Agreement**

On 23 December 2014, MMG Management and Minmetals Australia entered into the Extension Agreement pursuant to which MMG Management agreed to extend and vary the Grinding Media Supply Agreement for a further period of 12 months effective from 1 January 2015.

#### **Listing Rules Implications**

As all of the relevant percentage ratios in respect of the Grinding Media Supply Agreement as extended and varied pursuant to the Extension Agreement are more than 0.1% but less than 5%, the transaction constitutes a continuing connected transaction which is subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement requirements but exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

#### **EXTENSION AGREEMENT TO THE GRINDING MEDIA SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

Reference is made to (i) the announcement of the Company dated 28 March 2011 in relation to continuing connected transactions of the Company; (ii) the announcement of the Company dated 2 April 2013 in relation to the Amendment Agreement to the Grinding Media Supply Agreement; and (iii) the announcement of the Company dated 30 December 2013 in relation to the Further Amendment Agreement to the Grinding Media Supply Agreement.

The Grinding Media Supply Agreement provides for the supply of hot roll forged and hand forged steel grinding media by Minmetals Australia to MMG Management.

The term of the Grinding Media Supply Agreement was originally for two years commencing from 20 December 2010, with two options for further periods of 12 months each, which could be exercised by MMG Management in its discretion. On 2 April 2013, MMG Management and Minmetals Australia entered into the Amendment Agreement pursuant to which the parties agreed to renew and vary the Grinding Media Supply Agreement for a further period of 12 months effective from 1 January 2013. On 30 December 2013, MMG Management and Minmetals Australia entered into the Further Amendment Agreement pursuant to which the parties agreed to further renew the Grinding Media Supply Agreement for a further period of 12 months effective from 1 January 2014.

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The principal terms of the Grinding Media Supply Agreement, as amended by the Amending Agreements, are set out below.

Parties : (1) MMG Management

(2) Minmetals Australia

Goods to be purchased : Hot roll forged and hand forged steel grinding balls for use in the

production of metals concentrates. The balls are introduced into rotating steel mills and are used to pulverise the ore to a more workable size that also allows for easier extraction of the metal

concentrate from the ore.

Term : 12 months effective from 1 January 2015 which may be renewed

for one further period of 12 months, by agreement between the

parties.

Delivery of purchase orders : Minmetals Australia makes a standing offer to supply and deliver

the goods for the applicable unit price. If MMG Management requires Minmetals Australia to supply the goods it will deliver to

Minmetals Australia a purchase order.

Purchase price : The unit price of each good purchased is calculated based on the

cost of the raw material (namely, steel), energy used in the forging process, manufacturing overheads, shipping costs, applicable

duties, insurance costs and a profit margin.

The unit prices are fixed for the first quarter of 2015 and will be adjusted quarterly to index it to the published CRU Steel Price Indicator, using the Steel Longs Products Monitor, in order to allow for fluctuations in the manufacturer's costs. The adjustment

will be calculated at the start of each quarter using the quarterly Steel Longs Products Monitor for the prior quarter and may result

in an increase or decrease in the unit prices.

Payment terms

: All payments in respect of goods purchased must be made at the end of the month following the month in which the relevant goods are accepted.

In 2010, Minmetals Australia was selected as preferred supplier at the completion of a competitive tender process conducted by MMG Management, and the terms of the Grinding Media Supply Agreement were arrived at after arm's length negotiations between MMG Management and Minmetals Australia. In order to determine whether to renew the Grinding Media Supply Agreement for each of 2013, 2014 and 2015, MMG Management considered current market prices for the same goods. In respect of 2015, MMG Management negotiated improved pricing from 2014 and a floating pricing mechanism to allow for changes in the price of steel. MMG Management assessed that the terms agreed with Minmetals Australia are reasonable and commercial, and that it is in the interests of the Company, when compared with alternative suppliers, to extend the Grinding Media Supply Agreement for a further year.

#### **ANNUAL CAP**

For the two years ended 31 December 2013 and 2014, there were transactions under the Grinding Media Supply Agreement to the value of approximately US\$2.9 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$22.6 million) and approximately US\$3.8 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$29.6 million) respectively.

The maximum aggregate amount to be paid under the Grinding Media Supply Agreement, as amended by the Further Amendment Agreement for the year ending 31 December 2014 was capped at approximately US\$9.0 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$70.2 million). This annual cap was determined by reference to the historical transaction amounts under the Grinding Media Supply Agreement, the agreed pricing pursuant to the Further Amendment Agreement, projected volumes required by operating sites of the Company, market indices for steel and potential shipping costs.

In turn, having regard to the same factors, it is proposed that the maximum aggregate amount to be paid under the Grinding Media Supply Agreement, as amended by the Extension Agreement for the year ending 31 December 2015, will be approximately US\$4.0 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$31.2 million).

#### **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

The entering into of the Extension Agreement has the benefit of delivery of goods necessary for the operations of the Company which are on terms which are in the commercial interests of the Company.

The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the Extension Agreement is on normal commercial terms, and is fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole. No Director has any material interest in any of the transactions contemplated under the Extension Agreement which prohibits him from voting on the resolution of the Board to approve the Extension Agreement and no Director has abstained from approving such Board resolution.

#### LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

Minmetals Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of CMC, the controlling shareholder of the Company, and is therefore an associate of CMC and a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. As a result, the Extension Agreement constitutes a continuing connected transaction for the Company.

Pursuant to Rule 14A.76(2) of the Listing Rules, as all of the relevant percentage ratios in respect of the Grinding Media Supply Agreement as extended and varied pursuant to the Extension Agreement are more than 0.1% but less than 5%, the transaction constitutes a continuing connected transaction which is subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement requirements but exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The Grinding Media Supply Agreement also includes a provision which entitles MMG Management to suspend or terminate the Grinding Media Supply Agreement or any purchase order that has been delivered to and/or accepted by Minmetals Australia should the Company be unable to satisfy any requirements of the Listing Rules having regard to the terms of the supply.

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP

The Group is engaged in exploration, development and mining of zinc, copper, gold, silver and lead deposits around the world.

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT MINMETALS AUSTRALIA**

Minmetals Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of CMC, the controlling shareholder of the Company. Minmetals Australia primarily supplies steel products manufactured in the PRC into the Australian market and trades metallurgical raw materials.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise.

Amending Agreements the Amendment Agreement, the Further Amendment Agreement

and the Extension Agreement

Amendment Agreement the agreement dated 2 April 2013 between MMG Management and

Minmetals Australia renewing and varying the Grinding Media

Supply Agreement

Board the board of Directors

CMC 中國五礦集團公司 (China Minmetals Corporation), formerly known

as 中國五金礦產進出口總公司 (China National Metals and Minerals Import and Export Corporation), a State-owned enterprise incorporated on 7 April 1950 under the laws of the PRC and the

ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company

Company MMG Limited, a company incorporated on 29 July 1988 in Hong

Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed and traded on the main board of the stock exchange operated by the Stock

Exchange

connected person has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

controlling shareholder has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

CRU Steel Price Indicator the steel price index developed by CRU, an independent

commodities research, market analysis and reporting organisation

Director(s) the director(s) of the Company

Extension Agreement the agreement dated 23 December 2014 between MMG

Management and Minmetals Australia extending the Grinding

Media Supply Agreement

Further Amendment Agreement the agreement dated 30 December 2013 between MMG

Management and Minmetals Australia renewing the Grinding Media

**Supply Agreement** 

Grinding Media Supply

Agreement

the agreement dated 20 December 2010 (as amended by the Amending Agreements) between MMG Management and Minmetals Australia pursuant to which MMG Management agrees to purchase hot roll forged and hand forged grinding media from Minmetals Australia

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Listing Rules the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange

Minmetals Australia Pty Ltd, a company incorporated on

20 October 1987 in Australia with limited liability and a wholly

owned subsidiary of CMC

MMG Management Pty Ltd, a company incorporated on

15 July 2005 in Australia with limited liability which is a wholly

owned subsidiary of the Company

PRC the People's Republic of China (for the purpose of this

announcement, excluding Hong Kong, the Macau Special

Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan)

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subsidiary has the meaning ascribed to it under the Companies Ordinance

(Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong)

% Percent

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By order of the Board

## MMG Limited Andrew Gordon Michelmore

CEO and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 23 December 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises nine directors, of which three are executive directors, namely Mr Andrew Gordon Michelmore, Mr David Mark Lamont and Mr Xu Jiqing; three are non-executive directors, namely Mr Jiao Jian (Chairman), Mr Wang Lixin and Mr Gao Xiaoyu; and three are independent non-executive directors, namely Dr Peter William Cassidy, Mr Anthony Charles Larkin and Mr Leung Cheuk Yan.