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Dear Sir/Madam

EXCLUSIVE MARKETING AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN IRON LIMITED

As previously announced on 5 July 2010, Northern Iron Ltd's ("NFE") wholly owned subsidiary Sydvaranger Gruve AS ("Sydvaranger") and OM Holding Limited's ("OMH") wholly owned marketing, trading and logistics subsidiary OM Materials (S) Pte Ltd ("OMS") had entered into a short term marketing agency agreement. The short term agency relationship was established with the aim of OMS assisting Sydvaranger to further penetrate the Chinese iron ore concentrate market, gain direct access to the end-user market segment while demonstrating OMS' marketing, trading, logistics and distribution capabilities in the Chinese market prior to concluding a longer term marketing agency agreement for the exclusive agency rights for NFE's iron ore concentrate sales into Asia.

During the term of the short term marketing agency agreement OMS has successfully sold 4 cargoes consisting in excess of 310,000 wet tonnes of Sydvaranger iron ore concentrate to Chinese end-users.

OMH is pleased to announce on 24th January 2011 Sydvaranger and OMS have concluded their negotiations and signed a five year exclusive marketing agency agreement ("Agreement"). This Agreement now supercedes the short term marketing agency agreement.

Under the terms of the Agreement Sydvaranger has appointed OMS as its sole and exclusive provider of marketing services in the Asian market under mutually agreed terms and conditions.

Pursuant to the Agreement Sydvaranger retains full control over the allocation of its product to different geographic markets, including Asia. The parties, however, will work closely together to ensure that Sydvaranger retains the capability of continuing to derive production and market specific strategic and financial benefits from a meaningful participation in the large and growing spot and/or long term demand for high grade iron ore concentrate products in the Chinese market.

OMH is also continuing the process of identifying a technically and commercially suitable candidate to act as its nominee on the NFE board.

The conclusion of this Agreement demonstrates OMS' capability to further participate in the key Chinese steelmaking raw material supply chain given OMS' unique skill set, experience and well regarded expertise in that region.

Yours faithfully

OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

Heng Siow Kwee/Julie Wolseley
Company Secretary



BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

OMH listed on the ASX in March 1998 and has its foundations in metals trading – incorporating the sourcing and distribution of manganese ore products and subsequently in processing ores into ferro-manganese intermediate products. The OMH Group now operates commercial mining operations – leading to a fully integrated operation covering Australia, China and Singapore.

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, OM (Manganese) Ltd, OMH controls 100% of the Bootu Creek Manganese Mine (“Bootu Creek”) located 110 km north of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Bootu Creek has the capacity to produce 1,000,000 tonnes of manganese product annually. Bootu Creek has further exploration potential given that its tenement holdings extend over 3,325km².

Bootu Creek's manganese product is exclusively marketed by the OMH Group's own trading division with a proportion of the product consumed by the OMH Group's wholly-owned Qinzhou smelter located in south west China.

Through its Singapore based commodity trading activities, OMH has established itself as a significant manganese supplier to the Chinese market. Product from Bootu Creek has strengthened OMH's position in this market.

OMH is a constituent of the S&P/ASX 200 a leading securities index.

OMH also holds the following strategic shareholding interests in ASX listed entities:

- *16% shareholding in **Northern Iron Limited** (ASX Code: NFE), a company presently producing iron ore from its Sydvaranger iron ore mine located in northern Norway;*
- *11% shareholding in **Shaw River Resources Limited** (ASX Code: SRR), a company presently exploring for manganese in Western Australia and Ghana; and*
- *19% shareholding in **Scandinavian Resources Limited** (ASX Code: SCR), a company presently exploring for iron ore, manganese, gold and copper in Sweden and Norway.*