OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Dear Sir/Madam

PLACEMENT OF SHARES TO STRATEGIC INVESTORS

The Board of OM Holdings Limited (**OMH** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce a placement (**Placement**) of fully paid ordinary shares in the Company (**Shares**) to New Trump Technology Limited (**New Trump**) and Trisail Investment Holdings Limited (**Trisail** and, together with New Trump, the **Investors**).

The Investors will each subscribe for 30 million Shares at an issue price of A$0.40 per Share, representing a premium of approximately 5% to the 5-day[1] volume weighted average price (**VWAP**) of the Company's existing Shares traded on ASX.

The Placement is expected to raise gross proceeds of A$24 million.

The Placement is consistent with the Company's intention of attracting long-term strategic investors who support the Company's vision, underlying fundamentals, growth and downstream expansion strategies and geographic diversification.

The Investors understand the dynamics of the Chinese and Asian steel and ferro-alloy industries and view manganese and ferro silicon as strategically important steelmaking materials. The Investors assessed OMH as an attractive long-term investment opportunity and have expressed strong support for the continued execution of the Company's current growth strategies, and specifically in relation to the delivery of the OM Sarawak ferro alloy smelting project in Sarawak, Malaysia (**Project**).

The Company welcomes the Investors to the Company's Share register.

The Placement represents just below 9% of the Company's pre-Placement equity capital and is being made under the Company's available Listing Rule 7.1 placement capacity. Accordingly, the Placement is not subject to Shareholder approval.

It is expected that the net proceeds of the Placement will provide the Company with a buffer against any unanticipated equity funded capital costs associated with the execution of the Project and with the funds necessary to complete the Company's mining fleet purchase and refurbishment activities, as well as support general working capital funding requirements.

[1] The 5-day VWAP calculation is based on the 5 trading days up to and including the day prior to the date of this announcement.

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An Appendix 3B and a cleansing notice in relation to the Placement will each be given to ASX following the completion of the Placement, which is expected to occur in the third week of June 2013.

Yours faithfully
OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

Heng Siow Kwee/Julie Wolseley
Company Secretary

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON 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 2,400km^2.

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 300 a leading securities index.

OMH holds a 26% investment in Ntsimbintle Mining (Proprietary) Ltd, which holds a 50.1% interest in the world class Tshipi Borwa manganese project in South Africa.

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

- *11% shareholding in **Northern Iron Limited** (ASX Code: NFE), a company presently producing iron ore from its Sydvaranger iron ore mine located in northern Norway; and*

- *4% shareholding in **Shaw River Resources Limited** (ASX Code: SRR), a company presently exploring for manganese in Namibia, Western Australia and Ghana*