



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)

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board (“**Board**”) of directors of China Rare Earth Holdings Limited (“**Company**” together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) is pleased to announce that Mr Jin Zhong has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company with effect from 28 September 2004 with an initial term of two years.

Mr Jin, aged 53, joined the Group as an independent non-executive director of the Company in September 2004 and is not holding any other position with any member of the Group. In 1986, Mr Jin graduated from the Faculty of Material Engineering of Wuhan Steel College, specialising in refractory studies. Since 1971, he has been working at Guiyang City Refractory Materials Factory in various positions. In September 1999, Mr Jin was appointed the deputy chief engineer of the head factory of Guiyang City Refractory Materials Factory. In the past three years, Mr Jin had not held any directorship in other listed companies.

As at 28 September 2004, Mr Jin does not have any interest in the shares or underlying shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. Apart from being an independent non-executive director of the Company, Mr Jin is not related to any other directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. The director fee payable to Mr. Jin will be determined by the Board with reference to his relevant duties and responsibilities within the Company.

Mr Jin has not entered into any service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries. He is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Company’s articles of association. Save as disclosed above, the Company is not aware of any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company in relation to the above appointment.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises the following members:

Executive directors: Jiang Quanlong, Qian Yuanying and Fan Yajun;

Independent non-executive directors: Liu Yujiu, Huang Chunhua and Jin Zhong.

By order of the Board
China Rare Earth Holdings Limited
Law Lap Tak
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 28 September 2004