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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)

**PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND
REPURCHASE SHARES, ADOPTION OF NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME
AND
RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting to be held at Basement II, The Boardroom, The Wharney Guang Dong Hotel Hong Kong, 57-73 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, on Friday, 6 June 2014 at 10:30 a.m. is set out on pages 26 to 30 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is also enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.creh.com.hk).

Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting in person, you are requested to complete and return the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposit the same as soon as possible and in any event no later than 48 hours before the time of the meeting or any adjournment thereof to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

24 April 2014

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DEFINITIONS

In this circular, the following expressions have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

“Adoption Date”	the date on which the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme is approved by the Shareholders
“Annual General Meeting”	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Basement II, The Boardroom, The Wharney Guang Dong Hotel Hong Kong, 57-73 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 6 June 2014 at 10:30 a.m., the notice of which is set out on pages 26 to 30 of this circular, and at any adjournment thereof
“Articles”	the articles of association of the Company as amended from time to time
“associate”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Business Day”	any day on which the Stock Exchange is open for the business of dealing in securities
“Company”	China Rare Earth Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and the issued Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
“Companies Law”	the Companies Law, Cap 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands
“connected person”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Eligible Employee”	any employee or proposed employee (whether full time or part time, including any executive Director but excluding any non-executive Director) of the Company, any Subsidiary or any Invested Entity
“Eligible Participant(s)”	the person(s) who may be invited by the Directors to take up Options pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme, including, among others, any Eligible Employee
“Existing Share Option Scheme”	the Company’s share option scheme which was adopted on 4 June 2004 and will expire on 3 June 2014

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“Extension Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate to the Directors to the effect that any Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate will be added to the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued under the Issue Mandate
“Grantee”	any Eligible Participant who accepts an Offer in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme or (where the context so permits) his personal representative
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries, and the expression “member(s) of the Group” shall be construed accordingly
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“Issue Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate to the Directors to exercise the power of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with Shares up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting
“Invested Entity”	any entity in which any member of the Group holds any equity interest
“Latest Practicable Date”	16 April 2014, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information in this circular
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“New Share Option Scheme”	the new share option scheme proposed to be adopted by the Company at the Annual General Meeting, a summary of the principal terms of which is set out in Appendix III to this circular
“Offer”	an offer for the grant of an Option
“Offer Date”	the date, which must be a Business Day, on which an Offer is made to an Eligible Participant
“Option(s)”	option(s) to subscribe for the Shares granted pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme

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“Option Period”	in respect of any particular Option, a period (which may not be later than 10 years from the Offer Date of that Option) to be determined and notified by the Directors to the Grantee thereof and, in the absence of such determination, from the Offer Date to the earlier of (i) the date on which such Option lapses; and (ii) 10 years from the Offer Date of that Option
“Repurchase Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate to the Directors to enable them to repurchase Shares the aggregate nominal amount of which shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital in issue as at the date of passing the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting
“SFO”	Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
“Share(s)”	share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	registered holder(s) of Shares
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Subscription Price”	the price per Share at which a Grantee may subscribe for Shares on the exercise of an Option
“substantial shareholder”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Subsidiary(ies)”	the companies which are for the time being and from time to time the subsidiaries (within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong)) of the Company
“Takeovers Code”	the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong
“Termination Date”	close of business of the Company on the date which falls 10 years after the Adoption Date
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“%”	per cent

LETTER FROM THE BOARD



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China Rare Earth Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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24 April 2014

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam

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INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting and to give you notice of the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting include ordinary resolutions relating to the proposed grant of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the Extension Mandate, re-election of Directors and the proposed adoption of the New Share Option Scheme.

ISSUE MANDATE

At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution will be proposed that the Directors be given the Issue Mandate, i.e. a general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and deal with new Shares up to 20% of the aggregate nominal share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution. As at the Latest Practicable Date, a total of 1,672,643,059 Shares were in issue. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Issue Mandate to the Directors and on the basis that no Shares will be issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Issue Mandate to issue a maximum of 334,528,611 Shares.

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REPURCHASE MANDATE AND EXTENSION MANDATE

An ordinary resolution will also be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to give the Directors the Repurchase Mandate, i.e. a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase, on the Stock Exchange, or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed, Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the nominal share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution. Based on the 1,672,643,059 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming no Shares are issued or repurchased before the Annual General Meeting, the Company would therefore be allowed under this mandate to repurchase a maximum of 167,264,305 Shares.

In addition, an ordinary resolution regarding the Extension Mandate will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting providing that any Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate (up to a maximum of 10% of the issued Shares as at the date of the grant of the Repurchase Mandate) will be added to the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued under the Issue Mandate.

The Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate would expire at the earliest of: (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (b) the end of the period within which the Company is required by the Companies Law or the Articles to hold its next annual general meeting; or (c) when revoked or varied by ordinary resolution(s) of the Shareholders in a general meeting prior to the next annual general meeting of the Company.

Under the Listing Rules, the Company is required to give to all Shareholders all information which is reasonably necessary to enable Shareholders to make an informed decision as to whether to vote for or against the resolution in respect of the Repurchase Mandate at the Annual General Meeting. An explanatory statement for such purpose is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

ADOPTION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Directors propose to adopt the New Share Option Scheme at the Annual General Meeting. Adoption of the New Share Option Scheme is subject to the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders to approve its adoption and to authorise the Directors to grant Options thereunder and to issue and allot Shares pursuant to the exercise of the subscription rights under the Options granted pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme at the Annual General Meeting. The adoption of the New Share Option Scheme will also be conditional upon the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, any Shares which may fall to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the subscription rights attaching to the Options on the Stock Exchange (which may be subject to conditions and limitations). Application will be made to the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares which may fall to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the subscription rights attaching to the Options which may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

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The Existing Share Option Scheme was adopted by the Company on 4 June 2004 and will expire on 3 June 2014. The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to enable the Group to grant Options to the Eligible Participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution to the Group. The Directors consider that the New Share Option Scheme, which will be valid for 10 years from the date of its adoption, will provide the Company with more flexibility in long term planning of granting of the share options to eligible persons in a longer period in the future. The New Share Option Scheme does not provide for any minimum period for holding of options nor any performance target before exercise of options. Under the New Share Option Scheme, the Board will have discretion in determining the Subscription Price, the minimum period for holding of options and the performance target before exercise of options (subject to the Listing Rules) in respect of any Options. The Directors are of the view that the flexibility given to the Directors to determine the Subscription Price, the minimum period for holding of options and the performance target before exercise of options will place the Group in a better position to reward its employees and retain human resources that are valuable to the growth and development of the Group as a whole.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, no Options granted under the Existing Share Option Scheme remained outstanding.

None of the Directors is or will be a trustee of the New Share Option Scheme or have a direct or indirect interest in any such trustee.

Value of the Options

The Directors consider that it is not appropriate to state the value of the Options that may be granted pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme as if they had been granted at the Latest Practicable Date. The Directors believe that any statement regarding the value of the Options as at the Latest Practicable Date will not be meaningful to the Shareholders and to a certain extent would be misleading to the Shareholders, taking into account the number of variables which are crucial for assessing the value of the Options which have not been determined. Such variables include the Subscription Price, the Option Period and all other relevant variables.

Scheme mandate limit and maximum number of Shares issuable

Subject to obtaining of the Shareholders' approval of the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme, pursuant to Rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules, the total number of Shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all the options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of approval of the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme initially. Based on the 1,672,643,059 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming that there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company before the Annual General Meeting, the maximum number of Shares to be issued upon the exercise of Options that may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme under such initial mandate limit is 167,264,305 Shares. The Company may seek approval of the Shareholders in general meetings to refresh the 10% initial mandate limit. Notwithstanding that the mandate limit may be refreshed, the Board shall not grant Options which would result in the maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all the outstanding options granted but yet to be exercised under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company which entitle the holders to acquire or subscribe for Shares exceeding, in aggregate, 30% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time.

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General

No Director has a material interest and is required to abstain from voting for the resolution to approve the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme at the Annual General Meeting. None of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting for such resolution at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to the Listing Rules and/or the Articles.

Documents available for inspection

A summary of the principal terms of the rules of the New Share Option Scheme is set out in Appendix III to this circular. A copy of the rules of the New Share Option Scheme will be available for inspection at the office of the Company at 15th Floor, Club Lusitano, 16 Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong, during normal business hours on any Business Day from the date of this circular to and including the date of the Annual General Meeting (and any adjournment thereof, as the case may be).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice of the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 26 to 30 of this circular for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the resolutions set out therein.

Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting in person, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and, in any event no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders (except for procedural and administrative matters) at a general meeting must be taken by poll. An announcement on the poll results will be published by the Company after the Annual General Meeting on Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited's website at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company's website at www.creh.com.hk in accordance with Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the grant of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the Extension Mandate and the adoption of the New Scheme Option Scheme are beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Directors believe that an exercise of the Issue Mandate will enable the Company to take advantage of market conditions to raise additional capital for the Company.

The Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be exercised when the Directors believe that repurchases of Shares will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

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An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full may have a material adverse impact on the working capital and gearing position of the Company compared with that as at 31 December 2013, being the date of its latest audited consolidated financial statements. The Directors do not, however, intend to make any repurchase in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company.

The Directors consider that the New Share Option Scheme will continue to enable the Group to reward its employees, Directors and other selected participants for their contributions to the Group and will also assist the Group in its recruitment and retention of high calibre professionals, executives and employees who are instrumental to the growth and development of the Group.

Accordingly, the Directors recommend Shareholders to vote in favour of the ordinary resolutions approving the grant of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the Extension Mandate and the adoption of the New Scheme Option Scheme at the Annual General Meeting.

RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with Articles 108(A) and (B) of the Articles, Ms. Qian Yuanying and Mr. Huang Chunhua will retire as Directors by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The Company has received from Mr. Huang Chunhua, who has been serving as an independent non-executive Director for more than nine years, a confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Mr. Huang Chunhua has not engaged in any executive management of the Group. Taking into consideration of his independent scope of works in the past years, the Directors consider Mr. Huang Chunhua is still independent in accordance with the Listing Rules despite the fact that he has served the Company for more than nine years. Accordingly, a separate resolution will be proposed for the re-election of Mr. Huang Chunhua as an independent non-executive Director for the Shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Code Provision A.4.3 of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules.

The particulars of these two Directors which are required to be disclosed by the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this circular or this circular misleading.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in the Appendices to this circular.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Board of
CHINA RARE EARTH HOLDINGS LIMITED
JIANG Quanlong
Chairman

This Appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules, to provide Shareholders with all the information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the granting of the Repurchase Mandate.

1. LISTING RULES RELATING TO THE REPURCHASE OF SHARES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listing is on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their shares on the Stock Exchange and any other stock exchange on which the securities of the company are listed and such exchange is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong subject to certain restrictions. Among such restrictions, the Listing Rules provide that the shares of such company must be fully paid up and all repurchases of shares by such company must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution of shareholders, either by way of a general repurchase mandate or by specific approval of a particular transaction.

2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were a total of 1,672,643,059 Shares in issue.

Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 167,264,305 Shares, representing not more than 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date.

3. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole to seek a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the Shares are listed. Share repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchases made pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate would be funded out of funds legally available for the purpose in accordance with the Company's memorandum of association, the Articles, the Companies Law and other applicable laws of the Cayman Islands. A listed company may not repurchase its own securities on the Stock Exchange for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange. Under the Companies Law, repurchases by the Company may only be made out of profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose, or, if so authorised by the Articles and subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, out of capital. Any premium payable on a redemption or purchase over the par value of the Shares to be purchased must be provided for out of profits of the Company or out of the Company's share premium account, or, if so authorised by the Articles and subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, out of capital.

Taking into account the current working capital or gearing position of the Company, the Directors consider that, if the Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full, it might have a material adverse effect on the working capital and/or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position as at 31 December 2013, being the date of its latest audited consolidated financial statements). However, the Directors do not intend to make any repurchases to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or the gearing position of the Company which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

5. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the twelve calendar months preceding the Latest Practicable Date are as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	<i>HK\$</i>	<i>HK\$</i>
April 2013	1.36	1.13
May 2013	1.51	1.19
June 2013	1.27	1.04
July 2013	1.23	1.04
August 2013	1.39	1.11
September 2013	1.35	1.16
October 2013	1.27	1.16
November 2013	1.26	1.12
December 2013	1.24	1.02
January 2014	1.33	1.04
February 2014	1.16	1.02
March 2014	1.10	0.96
April 2014 (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.09	1.00

6. UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases under the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

7. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Repurchase Mandate if such is approved by the Shareholders.

No connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

8. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE

If on the exercise of the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code) could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as is known to or can be ascertained after reasonable enquiry by the Directors, YY Holdings Limited, the only Shareholder who was interested in 10% or more of the issued share capital of the Company, was beneficially interested in 562,820,000 Shares*, representing approximately 33.65% of the issued share capital of the Company. Assuming that it did not dispose of its Shares nor acquire additional Shares, if the Repurchase Mandate were exercised in full, the percentage shareholding of YY Holdings Limited will be increased to approximately 37.39% of the issued share capital of the Company. Such increase may give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors do not intend to exercise the power to repurchase Shares to such an extent which would render any Shareholder or group of Shareholders obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. In the event that the Repurchase Mandate was exercised in full, it would not result in a public shareholding of less than the minimum public float requirement of 25% of the total issued share capital of the Company.

** Note:* These Shares are held and beneficially owned by YY Holdings Limited, the entire issued share capital of which is held by YYT (PTC) Limited, the trustee of YY Trust, the discretionary object of which is a company wholly owned by Ms. Qian Yuanying, the spouse of Mr. Jiang Quanlong, and her sons. Ms. Qian Yuanying is a founder of YY Trust within the meaning under Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Jiang Quanlong is the sole director of YY Holdings Limited.

9. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company has not repurchased any of the Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

APPENDIX II DETAILS OF DIRECTORS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

The biographical details of the Directors eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out below:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Qian Yuanying

Ms. Qian Yuanying, aged 54, is a founding member and the deputy chairman of the Group. Ms. Qian is also the chief executive officer of the Group. Ms. Qian is responsible for the overall management of the Group and has particular responsibility for the marketing aspect of the Group's business. Ms. Qian is recognised as a senior economist by Jiangsu Provincial Personnel Department, and she is also qualified as a Chinese Career Manager. Ms. Qian has over 20 years of experience in the rare earth and refractory materials industries. Prior to the founding of the Group, Ms. Qian was a high school teacher. She is also a director of various members of the Group. Ms. Qian is the wife of Mr. Jiang Quanlong, the chairman of the Group. Save as disclosed herein, Ms. Qian has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Qian was taken to be interested in 562,820,000 shares in the Company (representing approximately 33.65% of the issued share capital of the Company) within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. The details of her other interests in associated corporations of the Company are disclosed in the Directors' report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2013.

Ms. Qian has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing 1 September 1999 and expiring on 31 August 2002, renewable automatically for successive terms of one year each commencing from the date next after the expiry of the then current term of the appointment. For the year ended 31 December 2013, Ms. Qian has received director's emoluments in a total sum of HK\$1,099,000, which is determined by the Board on the basis of Ms. Qian's experience, responsibility, workload and the time devoted to the Group and is subject to the review of the remuneration committee from time to time and is to be approved by the shareholders at the Company's annual general meetings.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there is no information which is discloseable nor is/was she involved in any matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under the Listing Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v).

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Ms. Qian that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**Mr. Huang Chunhua**

Mr. Huang Chunhua, aged 49, joined the Group in 2001 as an independent non-executive Director. Mr. Huang obtained a Ph.D degree in Marketing and an MBA degree from University of Strathclyde and a Bachelor degree in Economics from Wuhan University. Currently Mr. Huang is the deputy chairman and an executive director of Hybrid Kinetic Group Limited, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1188). During the period from May 2007 to April 2009, Mr. Huang was a director and China equity market strategist of BNP Paribas Securities (Asia) Limited. Prior to that he was the deputy chairman of Hybrid Kinetic Group Limited between November 2002 and October 2007 and an analyst of various securities companies. Mr. Huang has extensive knowledge and experience in financial market. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Huang has not held any other directorships in listed public companies in the last three years.

Apart from being an independent non-executive Director, Mr. Huang does not hold any position in the Company or in any member of the Group, and is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Huang does not have any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Huang has entered into a service contract with the Company in which his term of office is for a period of 2 years commencing 1 September 2007 and is subject to the rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings of the Company pursuant to the Articles. In the year ended 31 December 2013, he received a director fee of about HK\$72,000, which is determined by the board of the Company on the basis of Mr. Huang's experience, responsibility, workload and the time devoted to the Group and is subject to the review of the remuneration committee of the Company from time to time and the approval by the Shareholders at the Company's annual general meetings.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there is no information which is discloseable nor is/was he involved in any matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under the Listing Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v).

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Huang that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

The following is a summary of the principal terms of the rules of the New Share Option Scheme proposed to be adopted at the Annual General Meeting.

1. PURPOSE OF THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to enable the Group to grant Options to the Eligible Participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution to the Group.

2. WHO MAY JOIN

The Board may, at its discretion, invite any Eligible Participant to take up Options to subscribe for Shares at a price to be determined in accordance with paragraph 6 below.

The eligibility of any of the Eligible Participants to an Offer shall be determined by the Directors from time to time on the basis of the Directors' opinion as to his contribution to the development and growth of the Group.

3. CONDITIONS

The New Share Option Scheme adopted by the Company at a general meeting of the Shareholders is conditional upon the listing committee of the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in such number of Shares representing the General Scheme Limit (as defined in paragraph 9.2) to be allotted and issued by the Company pursuant to the exercise of Options in accordance with the terms and conditions of the New Share Option Scheme.

4. DURATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1 Subject to paragraph 15, the New Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective until the Termination Date, after which period no further Options may be issued but the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options granted or exercised prior thereto or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme.
- 4.2 The New Share Option Scheme shall be subject to the administration of the Directors whose decision on all matters arising in relation to the New Share Option Scheme or their interpretation or effect shall be final and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby.

5. GRANT OF OPTIONS

5.1 Subject to paragraph 5.2, the Directors shall, in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme and the Listing Rules, be entitled but shall not be bound at any time within a period of 10 years commencing from the Adoption Date to make an Offer to any person belonging to the following classes of participants to subscribe, and no person other than the Eligible Participant named in such Offer may subscribe, for such number of Shares at such Subscription Price as the Directors shall, subject to paragraph 10, determine:

- (a) any Eligible Employee;
- (b) any non-executive directors (including independent non-executive directors) of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any Invested Entity;
- (c) any supplier of goods or services to any member of the Group or any Invested Entity;
- (d) any customer of any member of the Group or any Invested Entity;
- (e) any person or entity that provides research, development or other technological support to any member of the Group or any Invested Entity;
- (f) any shareholder of any member of the Group or any Invested Entity or any holder of any securities issued by any member of the Group or any Invested Entity;
- (g) any adviser (professional or otherwise) or consultant to any area of business or business development of any member of the Group or any Invested Entity; and
- (h) any other group or classes of participants who have contributed or may contribute by way of joint venture, business alliance or other business arrangement to the development and growth of the Group,

and, for the purposes of the New Share Option Scheme, the Offer may be made to any company wholly owned by one or more Eligible Participants.

5.2 Without prejudice to paragraph 9.4 below, the making of an Offer to any Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who or whose associate is the proposed Grantee of an Option).

5.3 An Offer shall be made to an Eligible Participant in writing (and unless so made shall be invalid) in such form as the Directors may from time to time determine, either generally or on a case-by-case basis, specifying the number of Shares and the Option Period in respect of which the Offer is made and further requiring the Eligible Participant to undertake to hold the Option on the terms on which it is to be granted and to be bound by the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme and shall remain open for acceptance by the Eligible Participant concerned (and by no other person) for a period of up to 21 days from the Offer Date.

- 5.4 An Offer shall have been accepted by an Eligible Participant in respect of all Shares under the Option which are offered to such Eligible Participant when the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the Offer duly signed by the Eligible Participant together with a remittance in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 by way of consideration for the grant thereof is received by the Company within such time as may be specified in the Offer (which shall not be later than 21 days from the Offer Date). Such remittance shall in no circumstances be refundable.
- 5.5 Any Offer may be accepted by an Eligible Participant in respect of less than the number of Shares which are offered provided that such number is clearly stated in the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the Offer duly signed by such Eligible Participant and received by the Company together with a remittance in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 by way of consideration for the grant thereof within such time as may be specified in the Offer (which shall not be later than 21 days from the Offer Date). Such remittance shall in no circumstances be refundable.
- 5.6 Upon an Offer being accepted by an Eligible Participant in whole or in part in accordance with paragraph 5.4 or 5.5, an Option in respect of the number of Shares in respect of which the Offer was so accepted will be deemed to have been granted by the Company to such Eligible Participant on the Offer Date. To the extent that the Offer is not accepted within the time specified in the Offer in the manner indicated in paragraph 5.4 or 5.5, it will be deemed to have been irrevocably declined.
- 5.7 For so long as the Shares are listed on the Stock Exchange:
- (a) an Offer may not be made after inside information has come to the knowledge of the Company until it has announced the information in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules and SFO); and
 - (b) the Directors may not make any Offer to an Eligible Participant who is a Director during the periods or times in which the Directors are prohibited from dealing in Shares pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers prescribed by the Listing Rules or any corresponding code or securities dealing restrictions adopted by the Company.

6. SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

The Subscription Price in respect of any Option shall, subject to any adjustments made pursuant to paragraph 10, be at the discretion of the Directors, provided that it shall not be less than the highest of:

- (a) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet for trade in one or more board lots of the Shares on the Offer Date;
- (b) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five Business Days immediately preceding the Offer Date; and
- (c) the nominal value of a Share.

7. EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

- 7.1 An Option shall be personal to the Grantee and shall not be transferable or assignable and no Grantee shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or otherwise dispose of or create any interest whatsoever in favour of any third party over or in relation to any Option or enter into any agreement so to do. Any breach of the foregoing by a Grantee shall entitle the Company to cancel any Option granted to such Grantee to the extent not already exercised.
- 7.2 Unless otherwise determined by the Directors and stated in the Offer to a Grantee, a Grantee is not required to hold an Option for any minimum period nor achieve any performance targets before the exercise of an Option granted to him.
- 7.3 Subject to the fulfillment of all terms and conditions set out in the Offer, including the attainment of any performance targets stated therein (if any), an Option shall be exercisable in whole or in part in the circumstances and in the manner as set out in paragraphs 7.4 and 7.5 by giving notice in writing to the Company stating that the Option is thereby exercised and the number of Shares in respect of which it is so exercised. Each such notice must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the aggregate Subscription Price for Shares in respect of which the notice is given. Within 21 days (seven days in the case of an exercise pursuant to paragraph 7.4(c)) after receipt of the notice and, where appropriate, receipt of the certificate of the Auditor or the independent financial adviser pursuant to paragraph 10, the Company shall accordingly allot and issue the relevant number of Shares to the Grantee (or, in the event of an exercise of Option by a personal representative pursuant to paragraph 7.4(a), to the estate of the Grantee) fully paid and issue to the Grantee (or his estate in the event of an exercise by his personal representative as aforesaid) a share certificate for the Shares so allotted and issued.

- 7.4 Subject to the terms and conditions of the New Share Option Scheme, an Option may (and may only) be exercised by the Grantee at any time or times during the Option Period provided that:
- (a) if the Grantee is an Eligible Employee and in the event of his ceasing to be an Eligible Employee by reason of his death, ill-health or retirement in accordance with his contract of employment before exercising the Option in full, his personal representative(s) or, as appropriate, the Grantee may exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7.3 within a period of 12 months following the date of cessation of employment which date shall be the last day on which the Grantee was at work with the Company or the relevant Subsidiary or the Invested Entity whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not, or such longer period as the Directors may determine or, if any of the events referred to in paragraph 7.4(c) or 7.4(d) occur during such period, exercise the Option pursuant to paragraph 7.4 (c) or 7.4 (d) respectively;
 - (b) if the Grantee is an Eligible Employee and in the event of his ceasing to be an Eligible Employee for any reason other than his death, ill-health or retirement in accordance with his contract of employment or the termination of his employment on one or more of the grounds specified in paragraph 8.1(c) before exercising the Option in full, the Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse on the date of cessation or termination and not be exercisable unless the Directors otherwise determine in which event the Grantee may exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7.3 within such period as the Directors may determine following the date of such cessation or termination or, if any of the events referred to in sub-paragraph 7.4(c) or 7.4(d) occur during such period, exercise the Option pursuant to paragraph 7.4(c) or 7.4(d) respectively. The date of cessation or termination as aforesaid shall be the last day on which the Grantee was actually at work with the Company or the relevant Subsidiary or the Invested Entity whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not;
 - (c) if a general or partial offer, whether by way of take-over offer, share re-purchase offer, or scheme of arrangement or otherwise in like manner is made to all the holders of the Shares, or all such holders other than the offeror and/or any person controlled by the offeror and/or any person acting in association or concert with the offeror, the Company shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that such offer is extended to all the Grantees on the same terms, mutatis mutandis, and assuming that they will become, by the exercise in full of the Options granted to them, shareholders of the Company. If such offer becomes or is declared unconditional or such scheme of arrangement is formally proposed to shareholders in the Company, the Grantee shall, notwithstanding any other terms on which his Options were granted, be entitled to exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) to its full extent or to the extent specified in the Grantee's notice to the Company in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7.3 at any time thereafter and up to the close of such offer (or any revised offer) or the record date for entitlements under scheme of arrangement, as the case may be. Subject to the above, the Option will lapse automatically (to the extent not exercised) on the date which such offer (or, as the case may be, the revised offer) closed or the relevant record date for entitlements under the scheme of arrangement, as the case may be;

- (d) in the event of a resolution being proposed for the voluntary winding-up of the Company during the Option Period, the Grantee may, subject to the provisions of all applicable laws, by notice in writing to the Company at any time not less than two (2) Business Days before the date on which such resolution is to be considered and/or passed, exercise his Option (to the extent not already exercised) either to its full extent or to the extent specified in such notice in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7.3 and the Company shall allot and issue to the Grantee the Shares in respect of which such Grantee has exercised his Option not less than one (1) Business Day before the date on which such resolution is to be considered and/or passed whereupon he shall accordingly be entitled, in respect of the Shares allotted and issued to him in the aforesaid manner, to participate in the distribution of the assets of the Company available in liquidation *pari passu* with the holders of the Shares in issue on the day prior to the date of such resolution. Subject thereto, all Options then outstanding shall lapse and determine on the commencement of the winding-up; and
- (e) if the Grantee is a company wholly owned by one or more Eligible Participants:
- (i) the provisions of paragraphs 7.4(a), 7.4(b), 8.1(c) and 8.1(d) shall apply to the Grantee and to the Options granted to such Grantee, *mutatis mutandis*, as if such Options had been granted to the relevant Eligible Participant, and such Options shall accordingly lapse or fall to be exercisable after the event(s) referred to in paragraphs 7.4(a), 7.4(b), 8.1(c) and 8.1(d) shall occur with respect to the relevant Eligible Participant; and
 - (ii) the Options granted to the Grantee shall lapse and determine on the date the Grantee ceases to be wholly owned by the relevant Eligible Participant provided that the Directors may in their absolute discretion decide that such Options or any part thereof shall not so lapse or determine subject to such conditions or limitations as they may impose.
- 7.5 Shares to be allotted and issued upon the exercise of an Option will be subject to all the provisions of the Articles for the time being in force and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the then existing fully paid Shares in issue on the date on which the Option is duly exercised or, if that date falls on a day when the register of members of the Company is closed, the first day of the re-opening of the register of members (“**Exercise Date**”) and accordingly will entitle the holders thereof to participate in all dividends or other distributions paid or made on or after the Exercise Date other than any dividend or other distribution previously declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made if the record date therefor shall be before the Exercise Date. A Share allotted and issued upon the exercise of an Option shall not carry voting rights until the name of the Grantee has been duly entered on the register of members of the Company as the holder thereof.

8. EARLY TERMINATION OF OPTION PERIOD

8.1 The Option Period in respect of any Option shall automatically terminate and that Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse on the earliest of:

- (a) the expiry of the Option Period;
- (b) the expiry of any of the periods referred to in paragraph 7.4;
- (c) in respect of a Grantee who is an Eligible Employee, the date on which the Grantee ceases to be an Eligible Employee by reason of termination of his employment on the grounds that he has been guilty of persistent or serious misconduct, or has committed any act of bankruptcy or has become insolvent or has made any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, or has been convicted of any criminal offence (other than an offence which in the opinion of the Directors does not bring the Grantee or any member of the Group or the Invested Entity into disrepute);
- (d) in respect of a Grantee other than an Eligible Employee, the date on which the Directors shall at their absolute discretion determine that (i) (aa) the Grantee or his associate has committed any breach of any contract entered into between the Grantee or his associate on the one part and any member of the Group or any Invested Entity on the other part; or (bb) the Grantee has committed any act of bankruptcy or has become insolvent or is subject to any winding-up, liquidation or analogous proceedings or has made any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally or (cc) the Grantee could no longer make any contribution to the growth and development of any member of the Group by reason of the cessation of its relations with the Group or by any other reason whatsoever; and (ii) the Option shall lapse as a result of any event specified in sub-paragraph (aa), (bb) or (cc) above; and
- (e) the date on which the Directors shall exercise the Company's right to cancel the Option by reason of a breach of paragraph 7.1 by the Grantee in respect of that or any other Option.

9. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

9.1 The maximum number of Shares which may be allotted and issued upon exercise of all outstanding Options granted and yet to be exercised under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes adopted by the Group shall not exceed 30% of the share capital of the Company in issue from time to time. No options may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme or any other share option scheme adopted by the Group if the grant of such option will result in the limit referred to in this paragraph 9.1 being exceeded.

- 9.2 The total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued upon exercise of all Options (excluding, for this purpose, options which have lapsed in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Group) to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Group must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the Shares in issue at the time dealings in the Shares first commence on the Stock Exchange (“**General Scheme Limit**”) provided that:
- (a) subject to paragraph 9.1 and without prejudice to paragraph 9.2(b), the Company may seek approval of its shareholders in general meeting to refresh the General Scheme Limit provided that the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Group must not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of approval of the limit and for the purpose of calculating the limit, options (including those outstanding, cancelled, lapsed or exercised in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Group) previously granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Group will not be counted; and
 - (b) subject to paragraph 9.1 and without prejudice to paragraph 9.2(a), the Company may seek separate shareholders’ approval in general meeting to grant Options under the New Share Option Scheme beyond the General Scheme Limit or, if applicable, the extended limit referred to in paragraph 9.2(a) to Eligible Participants specifically identified by the Company before such approval is sought.
- 9.3 Subject to paragraph 9.4, the total number of Shares issued and which may fall to be issued upon exercise of the Options and the options granted under any other share option scheme of the Group (including both exercised or outstanding options) to each Grantee in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the issued share capital of the Company for the time being. Where any further grant of Options to a Grantee under the New Share Option Scheme would result in the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options granted and proposed to be granted to such person (including exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Group in the 12-month period up to and including the date of such further grant representing in aggregate over 1% of the Shares in issue, such further grant must be separately approved by shareholders of the Company in general meeting with such Grantee and his associates abstaining from voting.
- 9.4 Without prejudice to paragraph 5.2, where any grant of Options to a substantial shareholder of the Company or an independent non-executive Director or any of their respective associates, would result in the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all Options already granted and to be granted (including Options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) to such person in the 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant:
- (a) representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the Shares in issue; and

- (b) having an aggregate value, based on the closing price of the Shares at the Offer Date of each Offer, in excess of HK\$5 million;

such further grant of Options must be approved by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

10. ADJUSTMENT TO THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

10.1 In the event of any alteration in the capital structure of the Company whilst any Option remains exercisable or the New Share Option Scheme remains in effect, and such event arises from a capitalisation of profits or reserves, rights issue, consolidation or sub-division of the Shares, or reduction of the share capital of the Company, then, in any such case the Company shall instruct the Auditor or an independent financial adviser to certify in writing the adjustment, if any, that ought in their opinion fairly and reasonably to be made either generally or as regards any particular Grantee, to:

- (a) the number or nominal amount of Shares to which the New Share Option Scheme or any Option(s) relates (insofar as it is/they are unexercised); and/or
- (b) the Subscription Price of any Option; and/or
- (c) (unless the relevant Grantee elects to waive such adjustment) the number of Shares comprised in an Option or which remains comprised in an Option,

and an adjustment as so certified by the Auditor or such independent financial adviser shall be made, provided that:

- (a) any such adjustment shall give the Grantee the same proportion of the issued share capital of the Company for which such Grantee would have been entitled to subscribe had he exercised all the Options held by him immediately prior to such adjustment;
- (b) no such adjustment shall be made the effect of which would be to enable a Share to be issued at less than its nominal value;
- (c) the issue of Shares or other securities of the Group as consideration in a transaction shall not be regarded as a circumstance requiring any such adjustment; and
- (d) any such adjustment shall be in compliance with the Listing Rules and such applicable rules, codes, guidance notes and/or interpretation of the Listing Rules from time to time promulgated by the Stock Exchange.

In respect of any adjustment referred to in this paragraph 10.1, other than any adjustment made on a capitalisation issue, the Auditor or such independent financial adviser must confirm to the Directors in writing that the adjustments satisfy the requirements of the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules.

11. CANCELLATION OF OPTIONS

Subject to paragraph 7.1 and Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules, any Option granted but not exercised may not be cancelled except with the prior written consent of the relevant Grantee and the approval of the Directors. Where the Company cancels any Option granted to a Grantee but not exercised and issues new Option(s) to the same Grantee, the issue of such new Option(s) may only be made with available unissued Options (excluding, for this purpose, the Options so cancelled) within the General Scheme Limit or the limits approved by the shareholders of the Company pursuant to paragraph 9.2(a) or 9.2(b)

12. SHARE CAPITAL

The exercise of any Option shall be subject to the members of the Company in general meeting approving any necessary increase in the authorised share capital of the Company. Subject thereto, the Directors shall make available sufficient authorised but unissued share capital of the Company to allot and issue the Shares on the exercise of any Option.

13. DISPUTES

Any dispute arising in connection with the number of Shares, the subject of an Option, or any adjustment under paragraph 10.1 shall be referred to the decision of the Auditor who shall act as an expert and not as an arbitrator and whose decision shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final, conclusive and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby.

14. ALTERATION OF THIS SCHEME

14.1 Subject to paragraph 14.2, the New Share Option Scheme may be altered in any respect by a resolution of the Directors except that:

- (a) the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme as to the definitions of “Eligible Participants”, “Grantee”, “Option Period” and “Termination Date” in the section headed “Definitions” of the New Share Option Scheme;
- (b) the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme relating to the matters governed by Rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules;

shall not be altered to the advantage of Grantees or prospective Grantees except with the prior sanction of a resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting, provided that no such alteration shall operate to affect adversely the terms of issue of any Option granted or agreed to be granted prior to such alteration except with the consent or sanction of such majority of the Grantees as would be required of the holders of the Shares under the Articles for the time being for a variation of the rights attached to the Shares.

14.2 Subject to paragraph 14.3, any alterations to the terms and conditions of the New Share Option Scheme which are of a material nature shall be approved by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting except where the alterations take effect automatically under the existing terms of the New Share Option Scheme.

14.3 Any change to the authority of the Directors or the administrators of the New Share Option Scheme in relation to any alteration to the terms of the New Share Option Scheme must be approved by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

15. TERMINATION

The Company by resolution in general meeting may at any time terminate the operation of the New Share Option Scheme and in such event no further Options will be offered but in all other respects the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options (to the extent not already exercised) granted prior thereto or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme and Options (to the extent not already exercised) granted prior to such termination shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme.

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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)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of China Rare Earth Holdings Limited (the “Company”) will be held at Basement II, The Boardroom, The Wharney Guang Dong Hotel Hong Kong, 57-73 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 6 June 2014 at 10:30 a.m. to consider and, if thought fit, transact the following ordinary business:

1. to receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the Directors’ report and the Independent Auditor’s report thereon;
- 2A. to re-elect Ms. Qian Yuanying as an executive director (“Director”) of the Company;
- 2B. to authorise the board (the “Board”) of Directors to fix the Directors’ remuneration;
3. to elect Mr. Huang Chunhua (who has served as an independent non-executive Director for more than 9 years) as an independent non-executive Director and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix his remuneration;
4. to re-appoint the retiring auditor, Crowe Horwath (HK) CPA Limited and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix its remuneration;
5. to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

“THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”), the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (d) below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the unissued shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options, including warrants to subscribe for shares, which would or might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;

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- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
- (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or
 - (ii) any share option scheme of the Company; or
 - (iii) any issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company and other relevant regulations; or
 - (iv) any issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares,

shall not exceed twenty per cent (20%) of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (1) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (2) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable law or the Articles of Association of the Company to be held; and
- (3) the revocation or variation of the mandate granted under this Resolution by an Ordinary Resolution of the members of the Company in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares of the Company whose names appear on the Company’s Register of Members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory applicable to the Company).”

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6. to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

“THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (c) below) of all powers of the Company to purchase shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), or any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for such purpose, and subject to and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, the Stock Exchange, the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which may be purchased or agreed to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (1) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (2) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable law or the Articles of Association of the Company to be held; and
- (3) the revocation or variation of the mandate granted under this Resolution by an Ordinary Resolution of the members of the Company in general meeting.”

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7. to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

“**THAT** conditional on the passing of Resolutions No. 5 and 6 as set out above, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company pursuant to Resolution No. 5 above be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company purchased or agreed to be purchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution No. 6 above, provided that such amount shall not exceed ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution.”

8. to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

“**THAT** the share option scheme of the Company (the “New Share Option Scheme”), the rules of which are contained in the document marked “A” produced to the meeting and, for the purposes of identification, signed by the chairman of the meeting and summarised in the circular of the Company dated 24 April 2014, be hereby approved and adopted and the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to do all such acts and to enter into all such transactions, arrangements and agreements as may be necessary or expedient in order to give full effect to the New Share Option Scheme including without limitation:

- (a) administering the New Share Option Scheme and granting options under the New Share Option Scheme;
- (b) modifying and/or amending the rules of the New Share Option Scheme from time to time provided that such modification and/or amendment is effected in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme relating to modification and/or amendment and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”);
- (c) issuing and allotting from time to time such number of shares in the capital of the Company as may be required to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the options granted under the New Share Option Scheme; and
- (d) making application at the appropriate time or times to the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, any shares of the Company or any part thereof that may from time to time be issued and allotted pursuant to the exercise of the options granted under the New Share Option Scheme.”

By Order of the Board
LAW Lap Tak
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 24 April 2014

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong:

15th Floor, Club Lusitano
16 Ice House Street
Central
Hong Kong

Notes:

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting mentioned above is entitled to appoint in written form one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him/her. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
2. To be valid, the proxy form together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority must be deposited at the offices of the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar ("Branch Registrar"), Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time of the above meeting or adjourned meeting.
3. The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3 June 2014 to 6 June 2014 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of the Company's shares will be effected. In order to determine the entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all share certificates with completed transfer forms, either overleaf or separately, must be lodged with the Branch Registrar at Rooms 1712 – 1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on 30 May 2014.
4. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy should not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the above meeting or any adjournment thereof and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
5. In relation to Resolution Nos. 2A and 3 above, details of Directors standing for re-election are set out in Appendix II to the circular of the Company dated 24 April 2014.
6. In relation to Resolution No. 5 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company for the grant to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares under the Listing Rules. The Directors have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company other than shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme which may be approved by shareholders.
7. In relation to Resolution No. 6 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to purchase shares of the Company in circumstances, which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders.
8. In the case of joint holders of a share, any one of such joint holders may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the above meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders. For this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.