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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

Two Independent Board Committees, comprising (i) all three independent non-executive Directors; and (ii) three independent non-executive Directors and one non-executive Director, respectively, have approved the appointment of Partners Capital as the independent financial adviser to advise the Independent Board Committees and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Transactions.

Reference is made to the announcement jointly issued by United Metals Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") and CNNC Overseas Uranium Holding Limited ("**CNNC Overseas**") dated 23 June 2008 (the "**Announcement**") in relation to, among other things, (i) the conditional Share Purchase, Share Subscription and CN Subscription by CNNC Overseas; (ii) the possible unconditional mandatory cash offer by CCB International Capital Limited on behalf of CNNC Overseas to acquire all the issued shares of the Company (other than those already owned or agreed to be acquired by CNNC Overseas and the parties acting in concert with it); and (iii) the possible special deals and possible continuing connected transactions in relation to the Service Agreements (collectively, the "**Transactions**"). Unless otherwise defined, terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

Two independent board committees of the Company ("**Independent Board Committees**") were established by the Board as follows:

- (i) in relation to the Share Subscription, the CN Subscription and the Service Agreements being considered as continuing connected transactions under the Listing Rules, the independent board committee comprises all the three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lee Tho Siem, Mr. Wang Jianguo and Dr. Loke Yu, alias Loke Hoi Lam; and
- (ii) in relation to the Possible Offer and the Service Agreements being considered as special deals under the Takeovers Code, the independent board committee comprises all the three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lee Tho Siem, Mr. Wang Jianguo and Dr. Loke Yu, alias Loke Hoi Lam and the non-executive Director, Mr. Wong Wing Sing.

The Independent Board Committees have approved the appointment of Partners Capital International Limited ("**Partners Capital**") as the independent financial adviser to advise the Independent Board Committees and the Independent

Shareholders in respect of the Transactions. A copy of the letter of advice from Partners Capital to the Independent Board Committees and the Independent Shareholders will be included in the circular containing, details of, among other things, the Transactions, together with the recommendation(s) from the Independent Board Committees, to be dispatched to the Shareholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors of
United Metals Holdings Limited

Tsang Chiu Wai
Chairman

Hong Kong, 7 July 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive Directors, namely, Mr. Tsang Chiu Wai and Mr. Kong Cheuk Luen, Trevor, one non-executive Director, namely Mr. Wong Wing Sing and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Lee Tho Siem, Mr. Wang Jianguo and Dr. Loke Yu, alias Loke Hoi Lam. The members of the Board jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, the opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.