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# **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

Lease of office premises

The Board announces that Texion entered into the Tenancy Agreements with Cheerglory, Minmetals Capital and Minmetals HK for the lease of the Premises on 30 December 2011.

Cheerglory and Minmetals Capital are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Minmetals HK which in turn is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of China Minmetals. China Minmetals is the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company and is indirectly interested in approximately 62% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement. Accordingly, Cheerglory, Minmetals Capital and Minmetals HK are connected persons of the Company and the Transactions constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company.

Based on the applicable size tests performed with respect to the aggregate sum of the annual rent under the Tenancy Agreements, each of the relevant percentage ratios are less than 5%. Pursuant to Rule 14A.34(1) of the Listing Rules, the Transactions are subject to the reporting and announcement requirements and are exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirement.

#### BACKGROUND

Cheerglory entered into a tenancy agreement dated 30 December 2009 with Texion for the lease of Premises I for a term of 2 years ending on 31 December 2011. Minmetals Capital and Minmetals HK each entered into a tenancy agreement dated 5 May 2010 with Texion for the lease of Premises II and Premises III for a term of 2 years ending on 15 May 2012 and 31 May 2012 respectively.

As the existing tenancy agreements will expire on 31 December 2011, 15 May 2012 and 31 May 2012 respectively, Cheerglory, Minmetals Capital and Minmetals HK have on 30 December 2011 entered into the Tenancy Agreements with Texion for the renewal of the respective tenancy.

# **TENANCY AGREEMENT I**

The principal terms of Tenancy Agreement I are as follows:

Date	:	30 December 2011
Parties	:	Texion as the landlord and Cheerglory as the tenant
Premises	:	11th Floor, China Minmetals Tower, 79 Chatham Road South, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong of a gross floor area of approximately 5,793 square feet
Period	:	29 months commencing from 1 January 2012 to 31 May 2014 (both dates inclusive)
Rent	:	the rent (exclusive of government rates, and service, management and air-conditioning charges) payable in cash shall be HK\$133,239.00 per calendar month
Tenant's share of service, management and air-conditioning charges	:	HK\$25,489.20 payable in cash per calendar month

The annual cap for the rent payable by Cheerglory in respect of Tenancy Agreement I shall not exceed HK\$1,598,868.00. The annual cap does not include the service, management and air-conditioning charges since they are payable to an independent third party.

The terms of Tenancy Agreement I have been agreed by the parties after arm's length negotiation and are on normal commercial terms. The monthly rent has been determined with reference to the rent payable by other tenants of China Minmetals Tower and is in line with the prevailing open market rent of other premises with conditions comparable to those of Premises I.

#### **TENANCY AGREEMENT II**

The principal terms of Tenancy Agreement II are as follows:

Date	:	30 December 2011
Parties	:	Texion as the landlord and Minmetals Capital as the tenant
Premises	:	16th Floor, China Minmetals Tower, 79 Chatham Road South, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong of a gross floor area of approximately 5,793 square feet

Period	:	approximately 2 years commencing from 16 May 2012 to 31 May 2014 (both dates inclusive)
Rent	:	the rent (exclusive of government rates, and service, management and air-conditioning charges) payable in cash shall be HK\$133,239.00 per calendar month
Tenant's share of service, management and air-conditioning charges	:	HK\$25,489.20 payable in cash per calendar month

The annual cap for the rent payable by Minmetals Capital in respect of Tenancy Agreement II shall not exceed HK\$1,598,868.00. The annual cap does not include the service, management and air-conditioning charges since they are payable to an independent third party.

The terms of Tenancy Agreement II have been agreed by the parties after arm's length negotiation and are on normal commercial terms. The monthly rent has been determined with reference to the rent payable by other tenants of China Minmetals Tower and is in line with the prevailing open market rent of other premises with conditions comparable to those of Premises II.

# **TENANCY AGREEMENT III**

The principal terms of Tenancy Agreement III are as follows:

Date	:	30 December 2011
Parties	:	Texion as the landlord and Minmetals HK as the tenant
Premises	:	19th Floor, China Minmetals Tower, 79 Chatham Road South, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong of a gross floor area of approximately 5,793 square feet
Period	:	2 years commencing from 1 June 2012 to 31 May 2014 (both dates inclusive)
Rent	:	the rent (exclusive of government rates, and service, management and air-conditioning charges) payable in cash shall be HK\$133,239.00 per calendar month
Tenant's share of service, management and air-conditioning charges	:	HK\$25,489.20 payable in cash per calendar month

The annual cap for the rent payable by Minmetals HK in respect of Tenancy Agreement III shall not exceed HK\$1,598,868.00. The annual cap does not include the service, management and air-conditioning charges since they are payable to an independent third party.

The terms of Tenancy Agreement III have been agreed by the parties after arm's length negotiation and are on normal commercial terms. The monthly rent has been determined with reference to the rent payable by other tenants of China Minmetals Tower and is in line with the prevailing open market rent of other premises with conditions comparable to those of Premises III.

#### **REASONS FOR ENTERING INTO THE TENANCY AGREEMENTS**

Cheerglory, Minmetals Capital and Minmetals HK have occupied 11th, 16th and 19th Floors of China Minmetals Tower as their offices since 1999, 1994 and 2003 respectively. The Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) consider that the terms of the Tenancy Agreements are fair and reasonable, on normal commercial terms and in the interest of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. No Director has a material interest in the Transactions nor is required to abstain from voting on the board resolution approving the Transactions.

# INFORMATION ON THE GROUP, TEXION, CHEERGLORY, MINMETALS CAPITAL AND MINMETALS HK

The Group is principally engaged in the businesses of real estate development, specialised construction, property investment and securities investment.

Texion is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and is principally engaged in property investment. Texion is the sole owner of China Minmetals Tower.

Cheerglory and Minmetals Capital are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Minmetals HK. Cheerglory is principally engaged in trading of metallic products, wholesale of steel, investment holding and property investment business and Minmetals Capital is principally engaged in investment holding, property and securities investment and provision of financial services business. Minmetals HK is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Minmetals and is principally engaged in investment holding and corporate management services business.

# LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

Cheerglory and Minmetals Capital are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Minmetals HK which in turn is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of China Minmetals. China Minmetals is the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company and is indirectly interested in approximately 62% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement. Accordingly, Cheerglory, Minmetals Capital and Minmetals HK are connected persons of the Company and the Transactions constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company.

Based on the applicable size tests performed with respect to the aggregate sum of the annual rent under the Tenancy Agreements, each of the relevant percentage ratios are less than 5%. Pursuant to Rule 14A.34(1) of the Listing Rules, the Transactions are subject to the reporting and announcement requirements and are exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirement. Pursuant to Rule 14A.46 of the Listing Rules, details of the Tenancy Agreements will be included in the published annual reports and financial statements of the Company for each of the relevant financial years.

# GENERAL

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises twelve Directors, namely Mr. Sun Xiaomin as the Chairman and a non-executive Director, Mr. Qian Wenchao, Mr. He Jianbo, Mr. Yin Liang, Ms. He Xiaoli and Mr. Yang Lu as executive Directors, Mr. Pan Zhongyi, Mr. Tian Jingqi and Mr. Liu Zeping as non-executive Directors, and Mr. Lam Chun, Daniel, Mr. Selwyn Mar and Ms. Tam Wai Chu, Maria as independent non-executive Directors.

#### DEFINITIONS

"Board"	the board of Directors;
"Cheerglory"	Cheerglory Traders Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minmetals HK;
"China Minmetals"	China Minmetals Corporation, a State-owned enterprises incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China and the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company which is indirectly interested in approximately 62% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement;
"Company"	Minmetals Land Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"connected person"	has the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;
"controlling shareholder"	has the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;
"Directors"	the directors (including independent non-executive directors) of the Company;
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries;
"Hong Kong"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"Minmetals Capital"	Minmetals Capital (Hong Kong) Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minmetals HK;

"Minmetals HK" China Minmetals H.K. (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Minmetals; "Premises I" the premises situated at 11th Floor, China Minmetals Tower, 79 Chatham Road South, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong; "Premises II" the premises situated at 16th Floor, China Minmetals Tower, 79 Chatham Road South, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong; "Premises III" the premises situated at 19th Floor, China Minmetals Tower, 79 Chatham Road South, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong; "Premises" Premises I, Premises II and Premises III; "Tenancy the tenancy agreement entered into between Texion and Cheerglory for the lease of Premises I on 30 December 2011; Agreement I" "Tenancy the tenancy agreement entered into between Texion and Minmetals Agreement II" Capital for the lease of Premises II on 30 December 2011; "Tenancy the tenancy agreement entered into between Texion and Minmetals Agreement III" HK for the lease of Premises III on 30 December 2011; Tenancy Agreement I, Tenancy Agreement II and Tenancy "Tenancy Agreements" Agreement III; "Texion" Texion Development Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company; "Transactions" the lease of the Premises as contemplated under the Tenancy Agreements; and "%" per cent.

> By order of the Board He Jianbo Managing Director

Hong Kong, 30 December 2011

\*For identification purpose only