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五礦地產有限公司

MINMETALS LAND LIMITED

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MAJOR TRANSACTION AND RENEWAL OF CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (FINANCIAL SERVICES FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT)

Background

Reference is made to the 2015 Circular in relation to, among other things, the 2015 Agreement and the 2015 Continuing Connected Transactions whereby Minmetals Finance has agreed to provide current and fixed deposit services, loan services and settlement services to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.

While the 2015 Agreement would last until 31 December 2018, the Company is taking the opportunity to review its key continuing connected transactions with the members of China Minmetals and is satisfied with the current and fixed deposit services, loan services and settlement services provided by Minmetals Finance. Accordingly, the Company intends to continue to retain Minmetals Finance to provide the financial services as detailed in the 2015 Agreement and entered into the 2018 Agreement with Minmetals Finance on 20 April 2018.

The Proposed Caps

The Proposed Caps for each of the periods from 20 April 2018 to 31 December 2018, the year ending 31 December 2019, the year ending 31 December 2020 and the four months ending 19 April 2021 is RMB2,000 million (approximately HK\$2,482.4 million).

Listing Rules Implications

Since Minmetals Finance is a subsidiary of China Minmetals, the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company, Minmetals Finance is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the transactions contemplated under the 2018 Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Deposit Services

As one of the applicable percentage ratios for the provision of deposit services by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement exceeds 25% but all of which are less than 100%, the provision of deposit services by Minmetals Finance constitutes a major transaction for the Company under Rule 14.06(3) of the Listing Rules and is subject to reporting, announcement and shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

Since each of the applicable percentage ratios for the provision of deposit services by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement exceeds 5%, it is subject to reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Loan Services

The provision of loan services by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement constitutes financial assistance to be provided by a connected person for the benefit of the Group. Since such services shall be on normal commercial terms, on terms (including interest) no less favourable to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China than those that could be obtained from independent third parties, and no security over the assets of the Group shall be granted in respect of the loans to be provided by Minmetals Finance, it is exempt from reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 14A.90 of the Listing Rules.

Settlement Services

As the settlement services to be provided by Minmetals Finance to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China under the 2018 Agreement will be free of handling charge, it is exempt from reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 14A.76(1) of the Listing Rules.

General

A SGM will be convened to consider and, if thought fit, to approve the deposit services to be provided by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps.

An Independent Board Committee has been formed to advise the Independent Shareholders in respect of the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps. The Independent Financial Adviser has been appointed to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders on, inter alia, whether Independent Shareholders should vote in favour of the resolution regarding the deposit services to be provided by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps.

Circular

A circular containing, among others, (i) details of the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps; (ii) a letter from the Independent Board Committee to the Independent Shareholders in respect of the relevant transactions under the 2018 Agreement; (iii) a letter of advice from the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the relevant transactions under the 2018 Agreement; and (iv) a notice convening the SGM, will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 14 May 2018.

BACKGROUND

Reference is made to the 2015 Circular in relation to, among other things, the 2015 Agreement and the 2015 Continuing Connected Transactions whereby Minmetals Finance has agreed to provide current and fixed deposit services, loan services and settlement services to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.

While the 2015 Agreement would last until 31 December 2018, the Company is taking the opportunity to review its key continuing connected transactions with the members of China Minmetals and is satisfied with the current and fixed deposit services, loan services and settlement services provided by Minmetals Finance. Accordingly, the Company intends to continue to retain Minmetals Finance to provide the financial services as detailed in the 2015 Agreement and entered into the 2018 Agreement with Minmetals Finance on 20 April 2018. Principal terms of the 2018 Agreement are summarised as follows.

THE 2018 AGREEMENT

Date	:	20 April 2018
Parties	:	(i) the Company (ii) Minmetals Finance
Principal terms	:	<i>Financial Services</i>

Pursuant to the 2018 Agreement, Minmetals Finance shall provide the following financial services to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China on normal commercial terms, on terms (including interest) no less favourable to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China than those that could be obtained from independent third parties and on terms (including interest) which are the most favourable to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China as compared to the terms offered by Minmetals Finance to subsidiaries of China Minmetals:

- (i) Current and fixed deposit services:

Pursuant to the 2018 Agreement, Minmetals Finance shall provide deposit services to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China.

Interest rate for the deposits placed with Minmetals Finance by the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China shall not be lower than (a) the highest interest rate for comparable category of deposits offered by other major PRC commercial banks with which the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China have established business relationship; and (b) the highest interest rate offered by Minmetals Finance to other subsidiaries of China Minmetals for comparable category of deposits, whichever is higher.

(ii) Loan services:

Pursuant to the 2018 Agreement, Minmetals Finance shall provide loan services to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China and no security over the assets of the Group shall be granted to Minmetals Finance for any of such loans.

Interest rate to be charged by Minmetals Finance for the provision of loans to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China shall not be higher than (a) the lowest interest rate for comparable category of loans charged by other major PRC commercial banks with which the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China have established business relationship; and (b) the lowest interest rate charged by Minmetals Finance on other subsidiaries of China Minmetals for comparable category of loans, whichever is lower.

(iii) Settlement services:

All settlement services to be provided by Minmetals Finance to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China under the 2018 Agreement will be free of handling charge.

Non-exclusivity

The Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China have the right to use other financial services providers according to operational needs and to determine the deposit and loan amounts as well as the schedule for withdrawal of deposits (other than fixed deposits with specified deposit terms).

Term of the 2018 Agreement

The 2018 Agreement shall become effective upon the Company obtaining the Independent Shareholders' approval at the SGM and shall expire on 19 April 2021.

The 2015 Agreement will automatically be terminated upon the 2018 Agreement becoming effective. Upon expiry, the Company and Minmetals Finance may enter into further agreement or renew the 2018 Agreement for further period to be agreed, unless the 2018 Agreement

has been terminated by notice by either party in accordance with the terms stipulated therein.

The obligations of the Company under the 2018 Agreement are subject to full compliance by the Company with all requirements under the Listing Rules applicable to continuing connected transactions. The Company may suspend performance of its obligations under the 2018 Agreement until such relevant requirements are complied with.

Termination

The 2018 Agreement may be terminated under any of the following circumstances:

- (i) by mutual agreement between the parties;
- (ii) if a party to the 2018 Agreement has breached or failed to comply with the 2018 Agreement or any agreement in connection therewith and fails to rectify such breach or non-compliance within the prescribed period, the non-defaulting party may terminate the 2018 Agreement by notice in writing to the other party;
- (iii) if a party to the 2018 Agreement has committed a material breach of the 2018 Agreement or any agreement in connection therewith, the non-defaulting party may terminate the 2018 Agreement; or
- (iv) the Company may terminate the 2018 Agreement if Minmetals Finance fails to satisfy any of the following conditions from time to time:
 - (a) the capital adequacy ratio is not less than 10%;
 - (b) the non-performing assets ratio is not more than 4%; or
 - (c) the non-performing loans ratio is not more than 5%.

PROPOSED CAPS

As disclosed in the 2015 Circular, the historical annual caps in respect of the 2015 Continuing Connected Transactions for each of the two years ended 31 December 2016 and 2017 and the year ending 31 December 2018 were RMB1,800 million (approximately HK\$2,234.16 million).

Historical transaction amounts between the Company and Minmetals Finance under the 2015 Agreement are as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December 2016	For the year ended 31 December 2017	For the period from 1 January 2018 to the date of this announcement
Maximum daily outstanding balance of deposits (including accrued interests)	approximately RMB1,798 million (approximately HK\$2,231.7 million)	approximately RMB1,796 million (approximately HK\$2,229.2 million)	approximately RMB1,796 million (approximately HK\$2,229.2 million)

The Proposed Caps on the maximum daily outstanding balance of deposits (including accrued interests) placed by the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China with Minmetals Finance pursuant to the 2018 Agreement are as follows:

	From 20 April 2018 to 31 December 2018	For the year ending 31 December 2019	For the year ending 31 December 2020	From 1 January 2021 to 19 April 2021
Maximum daily outstanding balance of deposits (including accrued interests)	RMB2,000 million (approximately HK\$2,482.4 million)	RMB2,000 million (approximately HK\$2,482.4 million)	RMB2,000 million (approximately HK\$2,482.4 million)	RMB2,000 million (approximately HK\$2,482.4 million)

The Proposed Caps were calculated on the basis of several factors, including the following:

- (1) the historical transaction figures as stated above;
- (2) strategies of the treasury management of the Company taking into account the cash flow requirements and financial needs of the Group for its business development plans; and
- (3) expected increase in sales revenue and the expected amount of cash of the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China in the three years ending 31 December 2021, taking into account in particular the expected growth in the Group's business.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED UNDER THE 2018 AGREEMENT

Minmetals Finance is a non-banking financial institution subject to the supervision of the CBRC. It is authorized to provide a variety of financial services including deposit services, loan services and settlement services to members of China Minmetals including the Group.

The Company is satisfied with the attentive services provided by Minmetals Finance since November 2013. In consideration of the treasury management of the Company taking into account the business development plans and financial needs of the Group, as well as the

benefits of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, the Company entered into the 2018 Agreement with Minmetals Finance. In view of the above and the need to secure the stable provision of such financial services under the 2018 Agreement by Minmetals Finance to the Group in the anticipation of rising interest rates and the tightening credit market in the near future, the Company is desirous to renew the 2015 Agreement in the early time of this year.

The reasons and benefits for entering into the 2018 Agreement are as follows:

- (1) The 2018 Agreement provides the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China with an option to obtain financial services on terms (including interest) which are no less favourable than those available from other independent PRC commercial banks and are the most favourable to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China as compared to the terms offered by Minmetals Finance to subsidiaries of China Minmetals.
- (2) Under the 2018 Agreement, the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China can obtain unsecured loans from Minmetals Finance, thus providing the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China with an additional channel for financing.
- (3) The 2018 Agreement can also help enhance return on surplus funds and reduce finance costs due to favourable interest rates for deposits and loans as well as utilisation of settlement services free of handling charge.
- (4) The Company is expected to benefit from Minmetals Finance's better understanding of the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China which will allow more expedient and efficient services than those rendered by other PRC commercial banks.
- (5) Minmetals Finance is subject to the supervision of the CBRC and provides its services in accordance with the rules and operational requirements of CBRC. The Company believes that the risk profile of Minmetals Finance, as a financial services provider to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China, is not greater than that of independent commercial banks in the PRC.
- (6) Under the relevant rules of the PBOC and CBRC, the clients of Minmetals Finance are restricted to China Minmetals and its subsidiaries (including the Group). Minmetals Finance is hence exposed to a lower level of potential risk than if clients included external entities.

The Directors (save for the independent non-executive Directors who will form their view after considering the advice from the Independent Financial Advisor) are of the view that the 2018 Agreement (including the Proposed Caps) was entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, on normal commercial terms, and on terms which are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES

In order to safeguard the interests of the Shareholders, the Group will continue to adopt, and/or will continue to procure Minmetals Finance to maintain, the following guidelines and principles in monitoring the transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China and Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement:

- (1) specifically designated personnel from Minmetals Finance shall be responsible for operations and monitoring of the transactions contemplated under the 2018 Agreement;
- (2) Minmetals Finance shall co-ordinate with the internal audit department and/or external auditors of the Company to review the transactions contemplated under the 2018 Agreement and the relevant internal controls;
- (3) Minmetals Finance shall assist the Company to comply with the relevant regulations (including but not limited to the Listing Rules);
- (4) Minmetals Finance shall ensure the safe operation of its settlement management network and safeguard the funds of the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China;
- (5) Minmetals Finance shall strictly comply with the applicable risk management specifications issued by the CBRC and the relevant PRC laws and regulations as amended from time to time;
- (6) specifically designated personnel from the finance department of the Company will be responsible for regular monitoring of the transactions and will report to the management of the Company on a monthly basis in relation to the transactions;
- (7) the finance department of the Company will report to the independent non-executive Directors on a monthly basis in relation to the transactions;
- (8) the Company will review the transactions on an annual basis, summarise the experience and supplement the inadequacies;
- (9) before making a deposit with or seeking a loan from Minmetals Finance, the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China would compare the interest rates offered by Minmetals Finance with the interest rates offered by two or three major commercial banks or financial institutions with which the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China have established business relationship;
- (10) the Company or its relevant subsidiaries in Mainland China shall obtain prior written approval from (i) at least one executive Director for the placing of any deposits by the Company or its relevant subsidiaries in Mainland China with Minmetals Finance and (ii) at least two executive Directors for the placing of any deposits by the Company or its relevant subsidiaries in Mainland China with Minmetals Finance where the daily outstanding balance of deposits (including accrued interests) placed by the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China with Minmetals Finance would amount to RMB200 million or more;
- (11) any fixed deposits placed with Minmetals Finance by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in Mainland China shall not exceed 3 months;
- (12) the arrangement between the Company and Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement is non-exclusive, and the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China have their own discretion in electing the provider for financial services; and
- (13) the Company may terminate the 2018 Agreement if Minmetals Finance fails to satisfy any of the following conditions from time to time:

- (a) the capital adequacy ratio is not less than 10%;
- (b) the non-performing assets ratio is not more than 4%; or
- (c) the non-performing loans ratio is not more than 5%.

LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

Since Minmetals Finance is a subsidiary of China Minmetals, the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company, Minmetals Finance is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the transactions contemplated under the 2018 Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As one of the applicable percentage ratios for the provision of deposit services by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement exceeds 25% but all of which are less than 100%, the provision of deposit services by Minmetals Finance constitutes a major transaction for the Company under Rule 14.06(3) of the Listing Rules and is subject to reporting, announcement and shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

Since each of the applicable percentage ratios for the provision of deposit services by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement exceeds 5%, it is subject to reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The provision of loan services by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement constitutes financial assistance to be provided by a connected person for the benefit of the Group. Since such services will be on normal commercial terms, on terms (including interest) no less favourable to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China than those that could be obtained from independent third parties, and no security over the assets of the Group shall be granted in respect of the loans to be provided by Minmetals Finance, it is exempt from reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 14A.90 of the Listing Rules. The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) consider that the loan services to be provided by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

As the settlement services to be provided by Minmetals Finance to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China under the 2018 Agreement will be free of handling charge, it is exempt from reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 14A.76(1) of the Listing Rules. The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) consider that the settlement services to be provided by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

INFORMATION ON THE PARTIES

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

Minmetals Finance, a subsidiary of China Minmetals, is a non-banking financial institution established in the PRC on 26 May 1993 under the approval of PBOC. It is principally engaged

in the provision of financial services to China Minmetals and its subsidiaries (including the Group). It is subject to the supervision of the CBRC.

According to its business licence, it is authorised to provide to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China all services set out in the 2018 Agreement.

SGM

An Independent Board Committee comprising all the independent non-executive Directors has been formed to advise the Independent Shareholders in respect of the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps. The Independent Financial Adviser has been appointed to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders on, inter alia, whether Independent Shareholders should vote in favour of the resolution regarding the deposit services to be provided by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps.

A SGM will be convened to consider and, if thought fit, to approve the deposit services to be provided by Minmetals Finance under the 2018 Agreement. A circular containing, among others, (i) details of the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps; (ii) a letter from the Independent Board Committee to the Independent Shareholders in respect of the relevant transactions under 2018 Agreement; (iii) a letter of advice from the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the relevant transactions under the 2018 Agreement; and (iv) a notice convening the SGM, will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 14 May 2018.

GENERAL

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises eight Directors, namely Mr. Li Fuli as the Chairman and a non-executive Director, Mr. He Jianbo as the Deputy Chairman, Managing Director and an executive Director, Ms. He Xiaoli, Mr. Liu Zeping and Mr. Yang Shangping as executive Directors, and Mr. Selwyn Mar, Mr. Lam Chung Lun, Billy and Ms. Law Fan Chiu Fun, Fanny as independent non-executive Directors.

DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the respective meanings set opposite thereto:

“2015 Agreement”	the financial services framework agreement dated 3 November 2015 entered into between the Company and Minmetals Finance in relation to the financial services provided or to be provided by Minmetals Finance to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018
“2015 Circular”	the circular dated 24 November 2015 issued by the Company in respect of the 2015 Agreement and the 2015 Continuing Connected Transactions

“2015 Continuing Connected Transactions”	the continuing connected transactions entered into between the Company and Minmetals Finance pursuant to the 2015 Agreement
“2018 Agreement”	the financial services framework agreement dated 20 April 2018 entered into between the Company and Minmetals Finance in relation to the financial services to be provided by Minmetals Finance to the Company and its subsidiaries in Mainland China for the three years from 20 April 2018 to 19 April 2021
“2018 Continuing Connected Transactions”	the continuing connected transactions between the Company and Minmetals Finance pursuant to the 2018 Agreement
“associate(s)”, “connected person(s)”, “controlling shareholder” and “subsidiary”	each has the meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Board”	the board of Directors of the Company
“CBRC”	the China Banking Regulatory Commission
“China Minmetals”	China Minmetals Corporation, a state-owned enterprise established under the laws of the PRC and the ultimate controlling shareholder holding approximately 61.91% of the Shares as at the date of this announcement
“Company”	Minmetals Land Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Independent Board Committee”	an independent committee of the Board comprising all the independent non-executive Directors, which has been formed by the Board to advise the Independent Shareholders in respect of the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps
“Independent Financial Adviser”	Able Capital Partners Limited, a licensed corporation to carry out type 6 (advising on corporate finance) regulated activity under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and the independent financial adviser that has been appointed by the Company to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the 2018

	Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps
“Independent Shareholder(s)”	Shareholder(s) other than June Glory and its associates, and any Shareholder who has a material interest in the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions
“June Glory”	June Glory International Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability, and the immediate controlling shareholder holding approximately 61.91% of the Shares as at the date of this announcement
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time
“Mainland China” or “PRC”	the People’s Republic of China (for the purpose of this announcement, excluding Hong Kong, the Macao Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan)
“Minmetals Finance”	Minmetals Finance Co., Ltd., a limited liability company established in the PRC which is owned as to 92.5% by China Minmetals Corporation Limited (which is in turn owned as to approximately 88.4% by China Minmetals, approximately 9.5% by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Hunan Province of the PRC and approximately 2.1% by an independent third party) and 7.5% by Minmetals Capital Holdings Limited (which is in turn wholly owned by China Minmetals)
“PBOC”	the People’s Bank of China, the central bank of the PRC
“Proposed Cap(s)”	the proposed caps for deposit transactions contemplated under the 2018 Agreement for the three years from 20 April 2018 to 19 April 2021, as set out in the section headed “Proposed Caps” in this announcement
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“SGM”	a special general meeting of the Company to be convened to consider and approve the 2018 Agreement, the 2018 Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Caps
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the issued share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	holders of Share(s)
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“%”	per cent

By order of the Board
He Jianbo
Deputy Chairman and Managing Director

Hong Kong, 20 April 2018

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