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## 中國交通建設股份有限公司

## CHINA COMMUNICATIONS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(stock code: 1800)

## **CLARIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The board (the "Board") of directors of China Communications Construction Company Limited (the "Company") has noted the announcement published by the World Bank on 14 January 2009 (the "Announcement") and certain relevant newspaper articles regarding an alleged engagement in collusive practices by China Road and Bridge Corporation ("CRBC") under a major World Bank-financed roads project in the Philippines (the "Project"). The overseas business of CRBC is currently run by China Road and Bridge Engineering Co., Ltd. ("China Road") which is a subsidiary of the Company. According to the Announcement, the World Bank has decided to impose the debarment of seven firms (including three Chinese companies) and one individual for the alleged matter. A debarment sanction (the "Sanction") on CRBC, which will prevent CRBC from bidding on any World Bank-financed projects for eight years, was announced and imposed by the World Bank. The debarment can be reduced or terminated after five years if that CRBC puts in place a compliance program satisfactory to the World Bank.

In response to the foregoing allegation and Sanction, the Company would like to make the following clarifications:

- Both the Company and China Road regret to know the Sanction announced by the World Bank and strenuously deny the alleged engagement in collusive activities referred in the Announcement. The Company and China Road cannot accept the World Bank's categorisation of the event. CRBC was invited to bid for the Project in 2002. The Project was abolished by the Philippine government in 2006 due to its disputes with the World Bank. China Road believes that it has complied with all applicable requirements of the Philippines with respect to its bid for the Project. As of the date of this announcement, China Road has not received any claim or allegation raised by the Philippine government or the owner of the Project. The Company believes that the World Bank's allegation against CRBC has no factual or legal merit.
- For the past three years ended 31 December 2008, China Road has undertaken eleven World Bank-financed projects with a total contract value of about USD250 million. The total contract value of the World Bank-financed projects undertaken by China Road does not exceed 1.0% of the total contract value of all projects undertaken by the Company in each of the three years ended 31 December 2008.
- China Road has engaged legal counsels to assist it in responding the World Bank's allegation. The Company has noted that in the Announcement the Sanction is imposed on CRBC itself, not on the Company or any other subsidiaries of the Company. Accordingly, the Company believes the Sanction applies only to CRBC and will not apply to the Company, nor any other subsidiaries of the Company, and will not have any material impact to the World Bank-financed projects that are currently undertaken by the Company and its subsidiaries including China Road.
- The Company and China Road will continue to seek clarifications with the World Bank in order to lift the debarment as soon as possible.

By order of the Board
LIU Wensheng
Joint Company Secretary

Beijing, the PRC 16 January 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company are ZHOU Jichang, MENG Fengchao, FU Junyuan, LU Hongjun<sup>#</sup>, YUAN Yaohui<sup>#</sup>, CHAO Tien Yo<sup>#</sup>, KOO Fook Sun, Louis<sup>#</sup>, ZHANG Changfu and ZOU Qiao<sup>#</sup>.

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