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五礦資源有限公司
MINMETALS RESOURCES LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1208)

ANNOUNCEMENT

(A) EXTENSION OF OFFER PERIOD; AND (B) FURTHER DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR REGARDING MAJOR TRANSACTION IN RELATION TO RECOMMENDED TAKEOVER OFFER TO ACQUIRE ALL OF THE COMMON SHARES IN ANVIL MINING LIMITED

References are made to (i) the announcement of Minmetals Resources Limited (the "**Company**") dated 30 September 2011 (the "**Announcement**") in relation to the Support Agreement, pursuant to which the Offeror (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) will make an all-cash recommended takeover offer to acquire all of the Common Shares in Anvil Mining Limited ("**Anvil**") on a fully-diluted basis (the "**Offer**"); (ii) the announcement of the Company dated 20 October 2011 (the "**Offer and Circular Announcement**") in relation to the offer and circular (the "**Offer and Circular**") issued by the Offeror in respect of the Offer; (iii) the announcement of the Company dated 11 November 2011 (the "**First Delay in Despatch Announcement**") in relation to the delay in despatch of the circular (the "**Circular**") regarding the major transaction in relation to the Offer from a date falling on or before 11 November 2011 to a date falling on or before 7 December 2011; and (iv) the announcement of the Company dated 23 November 2011 (the "**Offer Period Extension Announcement**") in relation to the extension of the Offer Period. Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

EXTENSION OF OFFER PERIOD

The Offer and Circular Announcement stated that pursuant to the Offer and Circular, the Offer formally commenced on 19 October 2011 (Toronto time). Subject to satisfaction or waiver of the Offer Conditions, the Company expected the Offer to be completed on or before 24 November 2011 (Toronto time), unless the Offer is further extended or withdrawn.

The Offer Period Extension Announcement stated that the Offeror extended the Offer until 8:00 p.m. on 9 December 2011 (Toronto time), unless the Offer is further extended or withdrawn.

The Offeror has further extended the Offer until 8:00 p.m. on 11 January 2012 (Toronto time), unless the Offer is further extended or withdrawn.

By virtue of this extension, the “CDI Expiry Time” as defined in the Offer and Circular, has been automatically extended to 7:00 p.m. (Sydney time) on 9 January 2012, unless the Offer is further extended or withdrawn.

AMENDMENT TO THE SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Under the Support Agreement, Anvil is entitled to a payment of a reverse termination fee of C\$20 million if the Support Agreement is terminated due to Company Shareholder Approval not being obtained by the date that is 80 days following the date of commencement of the Offer. Pursuant to an amendment agreement to the Support Agreement dated 6 December 2011 (Toronto time) entered into among the Company, the Offeror and Anvil, the parties have agreed to an extension to such period, such that Anvil will be entitled to a payment of a reverse termination fee of C\$20 million if the Support Agreement is terminated due to Company Shareholder Approval not being obtained by 6 April 2012. In addition, the outside date for the completion of the Offer has been extended to 16 April 2012 (or later in certain circumstances).

FURTHER DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

The First Delay in Despatch Announcement stated that the Circular setting out, among other things, further details of the Offer and information about the Group and the Anvil Group was expected to be despatched to the Company Shareholders on or before 7 December 2011.

The Company requires additional time to prepare and finalise the Circular, including the Competent Person’s Report and Valuation Report (each as defined in and required pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Listing Rules). Accordingly, the date of despatch of the Circular has been delayed to a date falling on or before 11 January 2012.

The Company notes for completeness that the despatch of the Circular is not a condition of the Offer. It is a condition of the Offer that the Company obtains Company Shareholder Approval of the Offer, either:

- (a) by a resolution in writing signed by holders of a majority of the Company’s ordinary shares, to the extent permitted by the Listing Rules. So far as the Company is aware, the Company is free to obtain approval of the Offer by this method under the Listing Rules. It is not a requirement under this method of approval that the Circular has been despatched prior to such resolution in writing being passed – such form of approval may be obtained at any point in time, either before or after the despatch of the Circular. As at the date of this announcement, no such resolution in writing has been obtained by the Company; or
- (b) by a majority of the votes cast by the holders of the Company’s ordinary shares at a duly called meeting of the Company. It is a requirement under this method of approval that the Circular has been despatched in advance of such a meeting.

GENERAL

This announcement is for information purposes only and is not an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. The Offer Document contains important information about the Offer, including the terms and conditions of the Offer, and should be read carefully by shareholders of Anvil.

The Offer is not and will not be made in, nor will deposits of shares of Anvil be accepted in, any jurisdiction in which the making or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction. However, the Company may, in its sole discretion, take such action as it deems necessary to extend the Offer in any such jurisdiction.

This announcement contains certain statements that are "forward-looking statements". The words "expect", "will", "intend", "estimate", "propose" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Company, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Readers are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, certain of which are beyond the Company's control, that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements and the forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or achievement. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to: general business and economic conditions; the failure to meet certain conditions of the Offer; the timing and receipt of governmental approvals necessary to complete the Offer and any related transactions; legislative and/or regulatory changes; and the behaviour of other market participants. No assurance can be given that such forward-looking statements will prove to have been correct. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of announcement. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable laws.

By order of the Board
Minmetals Resources Limited
Andrew Gordon Michelmore
CEO and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 7 December 2011

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises eleven directors, of which four are executive directors, namely Mr. Hao Chuanfu (Vice Chairman), Mr. Andrew Gordon Michelmore, Mr. David Mark Lamont and Mr. Li Liangang; four are non-executive directors, namely Mr. Wang Lixin (Chairman), Mr. Jiao Jian, Mr. Xu Jiqing and Mr. Gao Xiaoyu; and three are independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Loong Ping Kwan, Dr. Peter William Cassidy and Mr. Anthony Charles Larkin.