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CHINA COAL ENERGY COMPANY LIMITED*

中國中煤能源股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 01898)

OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

Reference is made to the annual report of China Coal Energy Company Limited (the **"Company"**) for the year ended 31 December 2009 (the **"Annual Report"**) and the announcement of the Company dated 22 April 2010 in relation to its 2010 first quarterly report (the **"Announcement"**). Unless indicated otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as those defined in the Annual Report. In relation to the Annual Report and the Announcement, the Board wishes to further highlight the following:

1. Regarding the difference between the number of information disclosures by the Company in China and overseas

In 2009, the Company made a total of 206 information disclosures in the forms of announcements, circulars, notices and etc on the website of the HKSE (the **"HKSE Information Disclosures"**) and a total of 42 information disclosures in the forms of temporary announcements and regular reports in the newspapers designated in China and the website of the SSE. The main reasons for the difference between the number of information disclosures by the Company in China and overseas are as follows:

1) In accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules, both the Chinese and English versions of the HKSE Information Disclosures should be published on the website of the HKSE simultaneously, while there is no such requirement under the SSE Listing Rules, as a result of which, there were 103 more English information disclosures on the website of the HKSE;

2) In accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules, the announcements of the Company and its subsidiary, Shanghai Datun Energy Resources Company Limited, released on the SSE are required to be disclosed on the website of the HKSE by way of overseas regulatory announcements, while there is no such requirement under the SSE Listing Rules, as a result of

which, there were 57 more overseas regulatory announcements disclosed on the website of the HKSE.

2. Regarding the development of the updated and alternative plan of the investment project of A Share proceeds for which the Company suspended investing

In early 2008, the Company raised RMB25.32 billion of proceeds from the issuance of A Shares, of which RMB17.029 billion was proposed to invest in the construction of the Heilongjiang-based project and ancillary engineering facilities with an annual production capacity of 10 million tons of coal, 1.8 million tons of methanol and 0.6 million tons of alkene (the **"Heilongjiang Coal Chemical Project"**). However, as the international financial crisis continued to expand since September 2008, significant changes in the domestic and international macro-economic conditions took place. The sharp decrease in the prices of energy commodities and chemical products resulted in the significant drop in the internal rate of return of the investment finance of the Heilongjiang Coal Chemical Project, as a result of which, the expected level of internal rate of return became difficult to achieve.

In order to maximize the Company's commercial interests and to protect Shareholders' interests, the Board suspended any further investment in the Heilongjiang Coal Chemical Project by way of a resolution on 27 March 2009 while actively seeking for alternative plans from the items of capital expenditures of the Company's principal operations.

Afterwards, the Company set up a special working group and underwent an in-depth analysis and research for potential projects, including but not limited to actively seeking new coal resources, independently developing new coal and coal chemical projects as well as acquiring assets related to the principal operations of the Company from its controlling shareholder or third parties. As at the date of this announcement, a number of projects, which are undergoing approval processes, may have possessed the feasibility of becoming investment projects of A Share proceeds. However, subject to the adjustments to the industry policies by the state, it became more difficult to get the approvals of project investments, with the cycles extended. In response to the above circumstances, the Company is putting more efforts to expedite the approval process of the relevant project in order to implement the investment project of A Share proceeds as soon as practicable. As at the date of this announcement, the above work is still being progress in an active manner.

3. Regarding the latest development of the Wangjialing Coal Mine accident

On 28 March 2010, a flooding accident occurred during the time of construction in Wangjialing Coal Mine, a mine under construction owned by Huajin Coking Coal Company Limited, in which the Company has 50% shareholding, resulting in 153 workers of the construction company (China Coal No. 1 Construction Company Limited, a subsidiary of China National Coal Group Corporation) trapped in the mine, among whom, 115 trapped workers were saved while 38 passed away. As at the date of this announcement, the rescue work came to an end and the State Council has set up an investigation unit of the flooding accident of Wangjialing Coal Mine, which is launching an investigation of the accident.

As the Wangjialing Coal Mine was a project under construction, the accident did not result in any material impact on the production and operation of the Company as at the date of this announcement. After the accident, the completion and operation date of Wangjialing Coal Mine, which had been scheduled in October 2010, will be delayed. The losses arising from the accident to the Company are under evaluation.

4. Regarding the total number of shareholders of the Company at the end of the first quarter of 2010

As at 31 March 2010, the total number of shareholders of the Company is 414,857.

By Order of the Board
China Coal Energy Company Limited
Wang An
Chairman of the Board, Executive Director

Beijing, the PRC, 19 May 2010

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Wang An and Yang Lieke; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Gao Shangquan, Zhang Ke, Peng Ru Chuan, Wu Rongkang and Li Yanmeng.

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