## CHINA MINING RESOURCES GROUP LIMITED

(the "Company")

# AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### I. Constitution

1. Pursuant to the meeting of the board of directors of the Company held on 30 December 1998, the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") has resolved to establish a Committee of the Board to be known as the Audit Committee (the "Committee").

## II. Membership

- 1. The Committee shall be appointed by the Board from amongst the non-executive directors of the Company and that a majority should be independent and shall consist of not less than three members.
- 2. The chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall be an independent non-executive director.

#### III. Secretary

1. The company secretary of the Company shall be the secretary of the Committee.

## IV. Frequency of Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held not less than twice a year.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

## V. Notice of Meetings

- Usually, meetings are convened by the chairman of the Committee; however, other members of the Committee can also convene meetings as necessary. Notice of at least 3 days should be given of a meeting to give all Committee members an opportunity to attend or over half of the members of the Committee agree the reasonable shorter notice should be given. The external auditors may request a meeting if they consider that one is necessary.
- 2. The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be two.

#### **VI.** Authority

- 1. The Committee is authorised by the Board to investigate any activity within its terms of reference. It is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee and all employees are directed to co-operate with any request made by the Committee.
- 2. The Committee is authorised by the Board to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary.

#### VII. Duties

1. The duties of the Committee shall be:

Relationship with the Company's auditors

- a to be primarily responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor, and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor, and any questions of its resignation or dismissal;
- to review and monitor the external auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards. The Committee should discuss with the auditor the nature and scope of the audit and reporting obligations before the audit commences;
- c. to develop and implement policy on engaging of an external auditor to supply non-audit services. For this purpose, "external auditor" includes any entity that is under common control, ownership or management with the audit firm or any entity that a reasonable and informed third party knowing all relevant information would

reasonably conclude to be part of the audit firm nationally or internationally. The Committee should report to the Board, identifying and making recommendations on any matters where action or improvement is needed;

#### Review of the Company's financial information

- d. to monitor integrity of the Company's financial statements and annual report and accounts, half-year report and, if prepared for publication, quarterly reports, and to review significant financial reporting judgements contained in them. In reviewing these reports before submission to the Board, the Committee should focus particularly on:
  - i. any changes in accounting policies and practices;
  - ii. major judgmental areas;
  - iii. significant adjustments resulting from audit;
  - iv. the going concern assumptions and any qualifications;
  - v. compliance with accounting standards; and
  - vi. compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and legal requirements in relation to financial reporting;
- e. Regarding (d) above:
  - i. members of the Committee should liaise with the Board and senior management and the Committee must meet, at least twice a year, with the Company's auditors; and
  - the Committee should consider any significant or unusual items that are, or may need to be, reflected in the report and accounts, it should give due consideration to any matters that have been raised by the Company's staff responsible for the accounting and financial reporting function, compliance officer or auditors;

Oversight of the Company's financial reporting system and internal control procedures

f. to review the Company's financial controls, internal control and risk management systems;

- g. to discuss the internal control system with management to ensure that management has performed its duty to have an effective internal control system. This discussion should include the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Company's accounting and financial reporting function;
- to consider major investigations findings on internal control matters as delegated by the Board or on its own initiative and management's response to these findings;
- i. where an internal audit function exists, to ensure co-ordination between the internal and external auditors, and to ensure that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the Company, and to review and monitor its effectiveness:
- j. to review the group's financial and accounting policies and practices;
- to review the external auditor's management letter, any material queries raised by the auditor to management about accounting records, financial accounts or systems of control and management's response;
- I. to ensure that the Board will provide a timely response to the issues raised in the external auditor's management letter;
- m. to report to the Board on the matters set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules "Code on Corporate Governance Practices";
- n. to consider the major findings of internal investigations and management's response; and
- o. to consider other topics, as defined by the Board or handle the job assigned by the Board.

#### VIII. Minutes of the Meetings

 Full minutes of the Committee meetings should be kept by a duly appointed secretary of the meeting (who should normally be the company secretary of the Company). Draft and final versions of minutes of the Committee meetings should be sent to all members of the Committee for their comment and records respectively, in both cases within a reasonable time after the meeting.

## IX. Effective

These terms of reference shall be effected and implemented from the date of the Board meeting approving the document.

(Amended by the Board on 30 March 2012)