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## **JIANGXI COPPER COMPANY LIMITED**

*(a Sino-foreign joint venture joint stock limited company incorporated in the  
People's Republic of China)*

(Stock Code: 0358)

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

The Company and all members of the Board warrant the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of this announcement, and jointly accept the responsibility for any false representations, misleading statements contained in, or material omissions from, this announcement.

The Board is pleased to announce that the representative of CMCC on behalf of the Consortium entered into the Mining Contract with the Government of Afghanistan on 25 May 2008 (Afghanistan time) in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, pursuant to which, the Consortium agrees to pay the Ministry of Mine of Afghanistan a sum of US\$808,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$6,302,400,000) by phases for the rights to explore and exploit minerals in the Licensed Area for a period of 30 years.

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

Reference is made to the announcement of Jiangxi Copper Company Limited (the "Company") dated 21 November 2007 in relation to the consortium (the "Consortium") comprising the Company and China

Metallurgical Group Corporation ("CMCC") was selected as the preferred bidder for the development project of mineral resources in Aynak Copper Mine in Afghanistan ("Aynak Copper Mine Project").

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") is pleased to announce that the representative of CMCC on behalf of the Consortium entered into a mining contract (the "Mining Contract") with the Government of Afghanistan on 25 May 2008 (Afghanistan time) in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. Pursuant to the Mining Contract, the Consortium agrees to pay the Ministry of Mine of Afghanistan a sum of US\$808,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$6,302,400,000) by phases for the rights to explore and exploit minerals in the Central and Western mineralized zones (the "Mining Area") in Aynak Mine in Afghanistan for a period of 30 years. The Mining Area is a large scale copper mine field having a total resources reserves of 705 million tonnes of ores with an average copper content of 1.56%, comprising 11 million tonnes of copper metal deposits. The Mining Contract can be extended for every five years after its expiry, until the resource reserves therein are exhausted.

The Mining Contract will become effective on the date on which the approvals from the relevant departments of the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of the Government of Afghanistan (collectively the "Approvals") are granted. The coming into effect of the Mining Contract indicates that the rights for development and operation of the Aynak Copper Mine Project is formally obtained by the Consortium. Pursuant to the Mining Contract, the Consortium has 60 months to complete the fundamental construction for the Aynak Copper Mine Project.

The Company is currently discussing the co-operation with CMCC in relation to the Aynak Copper Mine Project. It is initially agreed that the capital injection and shareholding of the Company shall not be less than 20%. In addition, upon commencement of operation of the Aynak Copper Mine Project, not less than 50% of the copper concentrate products generated from the Aynak Copper Mine shall be sold to the Company in accordance with the international practice and with reference to the international market price. If there is any legally-binding agreement or co-operation agreement for the participation in the Aynak Copper Mine Project entered into between the Company and CMCC, the Company will make further announcement, if required.

By Order of the Board  
**Jiangxi Copper Company  
Limited**  
**Pan Qifang**  
*Company Secretary*

27 May 2008, Jiangxi, the People's Republic of China

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Li Yihuang, Mr. Li Baomin, Mr. Wang Chiwei, Mr. Long Ziping, Mr. Wu Jinxing, Mr. Gao Jianmin and Mr. Liang Qing; the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Kang Yi, Mr. Yin Hongshan, Mr. Tu Shutian and Ms. Zhang Rui.*

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