

*Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited take no responsibility for the contents of this announcement, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this announcement.*



**馬 鞍 山 鋼 鐵 股 份 有 限 公 司**  
**Maanshan Iron & Steel Company Limited**

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

**(Stock Code: 00323)**

## **POSSIBLE DISPOSAL**

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Maanshan Iron & Steel Company Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that at the thirtieth meeting of the seventh session of the Board of the Company held on 18 July 2013, it was resolved that the Company may dispose some of its assets not related to the principal iron and steel operations (the “**Possible Disposal**”) to Magang (Group) Holding Company Limited (the “**Magang Group**”). Magang Group is the controlling shareholder of the Company. Magang Group holds, as at the date of this announcement, approximately 50.47% of the issued share capital of the Company. Therefore, the Possible Disposal, if materialized, may constitute a connected and notifiable transaction of the Company under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Rules**”).

### **Overview of the Possible Disposal**

To focus on its principal iron and steel operations, optimize its asset allocation and improve its operational efficiency of assets, while improving its structure of assets and liabilities, minimizing its financial costs and enhancing its profitability, the Company intends to dispose some of the assets not related to the principal iron and steel operations to Magang Group.

### **Major particulars of the Possible Disposal**

Until the audit and evaluation of the assets and other tasks are completed, the Board will determine the final disposal price on the basis of the assessed value kept on record, and will convene another Board meeting to consider the matters related to the Possible Disposal.

### **Impact of the Possible Disposal on the Company**

The Possible Disposal can enable the Company to focus its efforts on the development of the principal iron and steel operations, enhance the operational efficiency of assets, improve its structure of assets and liabilities, minimize its financial costs, and further

enhance its profitability, all of which are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The Board wishes to emphasize that the aforesaid resolution of the Board only sets out the preliminary intention of the Company and the Magang Group, which does not constitute substantive rights and obligation of any parties thereto. The transaction(s) contemplated may or may not proceed. No documents have been entered into between the parties regarding the Possible Disposal. The Possible Disposal, if materialized, may constitute connected and notifiable transactions under the Listing Rules. Further announcement(s) in respect of the Possible Disposal will be made by the Company as and when appropriate in accordance with the Listing Rules as applicable. The Company will comply with all the applicable laws and regulations and all the applicable provisions of the Listing Rules in relation to the Possible Disposal.

By order of the Board  
**Maanshan Iron & Steel Company Limited**  
**Ren Tianbao**  
*Secretary to the Board*

18 July 2013  
Maanshan City, Anhui Province, the PRC

*As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company include:*

*Executive Directors: Su Jiangang, Qian Haifan, Ren Tianbao*

*Non-executive Directors: Su Shihuai*

*Independent Non-executive Directors: Qin Tongzhou, Yang Yada, Liu Fangduan*