



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: 323)

## **PRICE-SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT ON INCREASE IN HOLDING OF SHARES OF THE COMPANY BY THE COMPANY'S CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER**

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board of Directors") and all directors warrant that there are no false representations or misleading statements contained in, or material omissions from, this announcement, and jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of this announcement.

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09(1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

On 12 September 2008, Maanshan Iron & Steel Company Limited (the "Company") received a notice from Magang (Group) Holding Company Limited (the "Holding"), the controlling shareholder of the Company, after the close of the trading system of the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Such notice involved an increase in holding of a portion of the A shares of the Company by the Holding via purchasing stocks from the secondary market. Details are announced as follows:

#### **1. Details of acquisition of shares**

The Holding acquired 13,760,000 A shares of the Company via the trading system of the Shanghai Stock Exchange on 12 September 2008, representing 0.2% of the total share capital of the Company. Prior to this shares acquisition, the Holding held 3,830,560,000 shares of the Company, representing 56.68% of the total share capital of the Company. The Holding held 3,844,320,000 shares of the Company after this acquisition, representing 56.88% of the total share capital of the Company.

## **2. Continuous Acquisition Plan**

The Holding intends to continue to acquire A shares of the Company via the trading system of the Shanghai Stock Exchange within 12 months from the date of this announcement (the “Continuous Acquisition Plan”). The accumulated acquisition ratio will not exceed 2% of the total share capital of the Company (including the shares acquired this time).

The Holding undertakes that it will not sell the shares of the Company it held during the implementation of the Continuous Acquisition Plan and during the statutory period.

By Order of the Board  
Gao Haijian  
*Secretary to the Board*

12 September 2008  
Maanshan City, Anhui Province, the PRC

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

*Executive Directors: Gu Jianguo, Gu Zhanggen, Su Jiangang, Gao Haijian, Hui Zhigang*

*Non-executive Directors: Zhao Jianming*

*Independent Non-executive Directors: Wong Chun Wa, Su Yong, Hui Leung Wah, Han Yi*