

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China) (Stock Code: 323)

## PRICE-SENSITIVE INFORMATION

## ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTINUOUS ACQUISITION PLAN 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.

Reference is made to the announcement dated 12 September 2008 of the Company relating to the increase in holding of A shares of the Company by the Company's controlling shareholder.

On 26 November 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. After a first-time increase in holding of 13,760,000 A shares of the Company on 12 September 2008, the Holding continued to increase in holding of 39,097,851 A shares of the Company via purchasing stocks from the secondary market. As a result, the Holding has increased in holding an aggregate amount of 52,857,851 A shares of the Company, representing 0.78% of the total share capital of the Company as at the date of the first-time increase in holding (12 September 2008). Currently, the Holding holds 3,883,417,851 A shares of the Company, representing 57.46% of the total share capital of the Company as at the date of the first-time increase in holding (12 September 2008).

The Holding intends to continue to acquire A shares of the Company via the trading system of the Shanghai Stock Exchange. The accumulated acquisition ratio will not exceed 2% of the total share capital of the Company (including the shares acquired) as at the date of the first-time increase in holding (12 September 2008).

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 of Directors **Gao Haijian**Secretary to the Board of Directors

26 November 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 Director: Zhao Jianming

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