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EPI and Shenzhen Jiangtong Southern Company Jointly Operate SE Metals

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To Establish a Global Overseas Scrap Copper Sourcing Platform for Jiangxi Copper

(Hong Kong, 11 December 2008) – Southstart Limited (“Southstart”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of **EPI (Holdings) Limited** (“EPI” or the “Group”, SEHK: 689) has signed a Cooperation Agreement with Jiangtong Southern (Hongkong) Limited (“Jiangtong Southern HK”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shenzhen Jiangtong Southern Company Limited (“SZ Jiangtong Southern”) to jointly develop the overseas sourcing and import of scrap copper business for Jiangxi Copper Corporation (“Jiangxi Copper”) through SE Metals Limited (“SE Metals”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of EPI.

SZ Jiangtong Southern is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jiangxi Copper. It is also a sister company of Jiangxi Copper Company Limited (SEHK: 358) which has 40% interest in Qingyuan JCCL EPI Copper Limited (“JCCI EPI”), a 60% owned subsidiary of EPI.

Mr. Joseph Wong, Chairman and CEO of EPI, said, “We are pleased to tighten ties with Jiangxi Copper and further strengthen our long-term partnership through this cooperation. Backed by the strong and solid business network of Jiangxi Copper and the increasing demand for scrap copper from China, this strategic move will not only broaden our sourcing channels, but also give us a more powerful business platform with promising sales turnover to become the largest scrap copper buyer in Asia.”

“Through SE Metals, our coming year 2009 annual sourcing scrap copper target will substantially increase to 300,000 tonnes per annum. This strategic ties with Jiangxi Copper not only will improve our daily operation’s efficiency, most importantly will greatly enhance our purchasing and bargaining power with suppliers worldwide and is a powerful credentials to banks and financial institution for our coming business and banking financial needs.” **Mr. Wong** continued.

Principal Terms of the Cooperation Agreement

The term is 5 years from the date of the Cooperation Agreement.

Jiangtong Southern HK will be primarily responsible for carrying out operational activities of SE Metals. In return, it will be entitled to receive an annual management fee equivalent to 50% of the annual distributable profit of SE Metals (before the management fee to Jiangtong Southern HK). If the SE Metals incurs loss for any financial year, Jiangtong Southern HK will pay compensation to EPI equivalent to 50% of such loss.

The Option

Southstart has granted Jiangtong Southern HK the option to acquire 50% equity interest in SE Metals at the nominal price of HK\$1.0. The option is exercisable at the discretion of Jiangtong Southern HK anytime during five years from the date of the agreement.

Board Composition & Management Structure

The Board would consist of three members, two of which will be appointed by Southstart and one of which by Jiangtong Southern HK.

A Management Committee comprises of four members with Southstart and Jiangtong Southern HK each having the right to appoint two members. The Board will delegate to the Management Committee all decision making power in relation to day-to-day operations of SE Metals.

Financing Arrangements

Southstart and Jiangtong Southern HK undertakes to arrange on a 50:50 basis so as to support the financing activities of SE Metals and each of which has agreed to provide financing to the Company for the amount not exceeding HK\$200M.

Mr. Wu Yuneng, General Manager of SZ Jiangtong Southern, said “We are very happy to work together with EPI through SE Metals in building a powerful overseas scrap copper trading platform for Jiangxi Copper. EPI is a very strong international partner that had already established a strong global sourcing presence for the past year, we are confident that by leveraging both of our experience and core competitiveness in the overseas sourcing network, we will be able to tap the tremendous growth potential of scrap copper trading business.”

“This partnership marks an important step towards our vision to establish a value added service to our China’s state-owned enterprise clients. EPI’s vision not only will continue to build a strong supply sourcing chain in scrap copper trading business, we will focus to invest and to seek high quality mining and resources assets during the coming year. Although this is a difficult period for most commodities players, on the other hand, we see it as an opportunity to assess good value mining properties to strengthen our up stream supply chain and to maximize the return of our shareholders.” **Mr. Wong** concluded.

About Shenzhen Jiangtong Southern Company Limited (“SZ Jiangtong Southern”)

Founded on 22 November 1991, SZ Jiangtong Southern is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jiangxi Copper Corporation and is principally engaged in sales and distributions of non-ferrous metals and related products. Its main business scope includes sales and marketing in Southern China for all wholly-owned subsidiaries and holding subsidiaries of Jiangxi Copper Corporation. Armed with geographical advantage and substantial market resources, it operates sales and trading channels spanning Southern China and reaching different overseas markets to support expansion of business in those areas. Riding on the strategic support of its parent company Jiangxi Copper Group, SZ Jiangtong Southern will continue to actively develop markets in Southern China and overseas and nurture extensive, long-lasting and close cooperation with customers and business partners.

About Jiangtong Southern (Hongkong) Limited (“Jiangtong Southern HK”)

Jiangtong Southern HK is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SZ Jiangtong Southern and is principally engaged in trading and sales of scrap copper and various copper products. It serves as one of the major trading platform of Jiangxi Copper Corporation. Focusing on import and export business since set up, it has been involved in procurement of concentrate copper ore and selling of mixed scrap copper, copper cathodes, copper rods and wire harness.

About EPI (Holdings) Limited (Stock code: 689HK)

EPI is a high growth company that focuses on the non-ferrous metals and resource sector, with a business scope covering mining and resource investment, scrap metals sourcing and trading and copper anode production. Through strategic mergers and acquisitions, the Group is accelerating its growth by providing Chinese state-owned enterprises with high quality services that add value to their operations and enterprise value. The Group also operates an OEM/ODM consumer electronics business supplying customers in the USA, Europe and Latin America. EPI’s mission is to achieve sustainable and high returns for its shareholders and to become a major player in non-ferrous metals and resources in Asia.

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