

HMZ receives Management Cease Trade Order, provides Corporate Update

TORONTO, CANADA, April 18, 2006 – HMZ Metals Inc. (“HMZ” or the “Company”) announces that pursuant to the delay in filing its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005 described in its News Release dated March 21, 2006 the Company requested that the Ontario Securities Commission impose a Management Cease Trade Order (“MCTO”).

The Ontario Securities Commission approved the MCTO on April 14, 2006. Under the terms of the MCTO the Company will provide bi-weekly update reports as to the status of efforts to resolve various outstanding issues with its Chinese partners and the completion of the audited annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Corporate Update

1. Copper smelter has been granted priority status in province
2. Gaofeng mine dividend payout authorized
3. Independent legal and accounting review currently underway

The copper smelter has been designated a priority smelter in Guangxi province. This designation allows the smelter to receive preferential tax treatment and a guaranteed power supply. The Company’s senior Chinese engineers are reviewing smelter operations with a view to upgrading the technology and increasing production in order to comply with new smelter regulations.

The Board of Directors of the Gaofeng Mining Company in which the Company owns an equity interest, has authorized a dividend payment subject to taxes and the payment of prior costs incurred in the development of the mine. Further information will be forthcoming as available.

The Company continues to retain the services of Intercedent Limited a Beijing based company involved in the provision of business development services for foreign companies operating in China. Considerable progress has been made through direct discussions with our Chinese partners as the Company continues to lay the foundation for future operations.

Following the completion of the Company’s independent legal and forensic accounting review of its Chinese operations, the Company will be in a position to complete the annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005. The completion of the audit will enable the Company to satisfy Chinese foreign currency repatriation regulations.

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