

## CITIC RESOURCES ANNOUNCES PROFITABLE 2011 INTERIM RESULTS REVENUE SURGED BY 42.6% AND NET PROFIT INCREASED BY 134.8%

## STRONG OPERATING PERFORMANCE AND IMPROVED FINANCIAL POSITION LAID SOLID GROUNDS FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

#### **Financial Highlights**

	For the 6 months ended 30 June		
(HK\$ Million)	2011	2010	Change
Revenue	18,418.0	14,207.2	+29.6%
Revenue (excluding the manganese segment) <sup><math>\#</math></sup>	18,418.0	12,919.8	+42.6%
Gross Profit	2,005.9	1,415.6	+41.7%
Profit Attributable to Shareholders	393.4	167.5	+134.8%
Earnings Per Share - Basic	HK6.17 cents	HK2.67cents	+131.1%
Net Total Debts to Net Total Capital	35.3%	^49.7%	N/A

# Revenue from CITIC Dameng Holdings Limited ("CITIC Dameng"), the Group's manganese sector, is not included in the Group's consolidated income statement after it has become an associate of the Group starting from 18 Nov 2010.

*^ Figure as of 31 December 2010.* 

(Hong Kong, 28 August 2011) – CITIC Resources Holdings Limited ("CITIC Resources" or the "Company") (HKEx stock code: 1205) today announced the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the 6 months ended 30 June 2011 (the "Period").

During the Period, the Group recorded a total revenue of approximately HK\$18.4 billion (excluding the manganese segment for 1H 2010: HK\$12.9 billion), representing a strong growth of 42.6% on a year-on-year basis. Profit attributable to shareholders increased by 134.8% to HK\$393.4 million. The surge in revenue and net profit was mainly attributable to higher selling prices and the recognition of a disposal gain of HK\$273.2 million before tax resulting from the partial sell-down of the Group's 8% interest in the Codrilla coal project. Basic earnings per share was HK\$6.17 cents and net total debts to net total capital further improved to 35.3%.

Mr. Zeng Chen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Group, stated: "We are delighted to present the satisfactory results of the first half of 2011 with surges in both revenue and net profit. During the Period, we completed a rights issue raising about HK\$2.5 billion before expenses, which significantly strengthened our financial position and uplifted our ability to expedite our robust development plans and capture any future potential investment opportunities. Besides, the partial sell-down of the Codrilla coal project has allowed the Group to realize considerable returns for its investment and accelerate its development at the same time."

"Moving forward, the Group will continue with its endeavors to bring about full production at the Yuedong oilfield as soon as practicable in order to build sustainable momentum for future growth and capitalise investment returns that enhance shareholders value. With greater financial flexibility and robust growth in businesses, the Group has attained an edge to gain benefits from high demand for energy and natural resources and is well positioned to deal with challenges arising from recent market volatilities," Mr. Zeng concluded.

#### Sales to external customers

	For the 6 months ended 30 June (excluding manganese)#		
(HK\$ Million)	2011	2010	Change
Crude Oil	2,769.6	1,722.9	+60.7%
Coal	204.9	220.2	-6.9%
Import and Export of Commodities	14,707.6	10,371.6	+41.8%
Aluminium Smelting	735.8	605.1	+21.6%
Consolidated	18,418.0	12,919.8	+42.6%

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## Crude Oil

As a result of improved production and higher crude oil realised prices, our crude oil segment maintained sound momentum during the Period with segment revenue rising substantially by 60.7% to HK\$2.8 billion compared to 1H 2010. The Group will continue to apply enhanced oil recovery methods and implement new drillings to expand production capacity.

#### Karazhanbas oilfield in Kazakhstan

The Karazhanbas oilfield continued to be the main driver for the Group's crude oil revenue growth. Thanks to the deployment of enhanced oil recovery methods such as cyclic steam stimulation and steam flooding, as well as the implementation of cost control measures, production was enhanced at more efficient and sustainable rates.

#### Hainan-Yuedong Block, Bohai Bay Basin in Liaoning

Subsequent to the receipt of approval of the overall development plan from the National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC and successful commencement of pilot production on the first artificial island last year, the Group continued with the construction of three additional artificial islands during the Period, with the construction of production facilities on these new artificial islands scheduled to complete by late 2013. Annual production is expected to gradually increase to its peak production in 2014/2015 as the number of production wells increases and the construction of oil processing plant completes. The Yuedong oilfield is expected to be a significant growth driver for the Group in the coming years.

#### Seram Island Non-Bula Block, Indonesia

Production was uplifted by 11% following the Group's efforts in implementing workovers and new drilling to supplement the natural decline of existing wells.

# Coal

Following the recognition of a disposal gain of HK\$273.2 million before tax from the partial sell-down of the Group's 8% interest in the Codrilla coal project, total segment revenue of the Group's coal business surged to HK\$478.1 million. Operating revenue from the Group's 7% interest in the Coppabella and Moorvale coal mines joint venture (the "CMJV") fell by 6.9% to HK\$204.9 million due to a drop in sales volume resulting from supply chain and production disruptions caused by adverse weather conditions in Queensland, Australia earlier in the year. With production at the two existing operation mines progressively recovering and the strong demand for low volatile pulverised coal injection coal particularly from the PRC, where the Group continues to hold exclusive marketing rights to market all coal produced by the CMJV and the Codrilla coal project, the Group remains optimistic about the outlook about its coal business.

## Import and Export of Commodities

Buoyed by higher commodities selling prices, segment revenue was lifted by 41.8% from the corresponding period last year.

## Aluminium smelting

On the back of strong aluminium prices during the first half of the year, segment revenue increased by 21.6% in 2011.

## Manganese

A lucrative share of profit of HK\$148.1 million from the Group's associate CITIC Dameng was recorded.

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## About CITIC Resources Holdings Limited

CITIC Resources Holdings Limited was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since 1997. CITIC Resources is a diversified provider of natural resources. The principal activities of CITIC Resources and its subsidiaries include oil and coal exploration, development and production, the import and export of commodities and aluminium smelting. CITIC Group is the parent company of CITIC Resources with a majority stake of approximately 57%.

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