



## CITIC RESOURCES HOLDINGS LIMITED

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### COMMENCEMENT OF OIL DRILLING ON THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL ISLAND IN HAINAN-YUEDONG BLOCK, BOHAI BAY BASIN

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(Hong Kong, 13 August 2009) CITIC Resources Holdings Limited (“CITIC Resources” or the “Company”) (SEHK: 1205) announced the completion of preparation for oil drilling in the first pilot testing area on the artificial island in Hainan Yuedong Block, Bohai Bay Basin. Management of CITIC Resources today hosted a drill ceremony on the island.

Since CITIC Resources completed the acquisition of 90% interest in Tincy Group Energy Resources Limited (“Tincy Group”) in October 2007, the Company has been putting its utmost effort in constructing and enhancing the function of its first artificial island, and constructing two supplementary production platforms in addition. All construction will be completed within only two years. Until now, the construction of foundation for drilling and the pre-drilling preparation is completed, and the construction of production facilities will be concluded in September. After a series of combined testing, the platform has equipped with oil extraction capability.

Tincy Group is the operator of the Hainan Yuedong block, and the petroleum contract lasts until 2034. The oilfield covers a sea area of approximately 110 square kilometers.

Mr. SUN Xinguo, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, said, “After 2 years’ intense work schedule, we are delighted that the construction of production facilities in the first pilot testing area on the artificial island in Hainan Yuedong Block has been completed successfully, which allows us to commence oil production in the right time. In view of the current construction, we see the high operating efficiency and the professionalism of the whole management team, which is able to choose the most practical and advanced technology, implement prudent cost control and make use of the favorable factors in all aspects. We believe that as the first pilot testing artificial island is successfully constructed and put into production, the Company’s oil business will be further expanded.”

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#### **About CITIC Resources Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 1205)**

CITIC Resources Holdings Limited (Stock code: 1205 HK) (“CITIC Resources”) was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since 1997. CITIC Group is the parent company of CITIC Resources with majority stake of about 54%. CITIC Resources positions itself as a provider of diversified energy and natural resources, particularly focusing on the oil business. The principal activities of CITIC Resources and its subsidiaries include aluminium smelting, coal, import and export of commodities, manganese mining and processing, and oil exploration, development and production.

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Photo caption:



Photo 1: CITIC Resources (1205) announced the completion of preparation for oil drilling in the first pilot testing area on the artificial island in Hainan Yuedong Block, Bohai Bay Basin. Mr. SUN Xinguo, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (third from the left of the front row) and officiating guests at the drilling ceremony.



Photo 2: CITIC Resources (1205)'s first artificial island in Hainan-Yuedong Block, Bohai Bay Basin.