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**WorldMetal Holdings Limited**  
**金屬電子交易所集團有限公司\***  
*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*  
**(Stock code: 8161)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is made at the request of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The board of directors (the “Board”) of WorldMetal Holdings Limited (the “Company”) has noted the recent increase in the trading volume of the shares of the Company and wishes to state that, save as disclosed herein, the Board is not aware of any reasons for such increase.

The Company is in discussions with certain independent third parties, who are not connected with any Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective associates (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “GEM Listing Rules”)), on the business development of the Company, which may involve a possible issue of new shares of the Company and the introduction of new substantial shareholder(s). The discussion is still taking place and at this stage, it is uncertain whether the possible transactions may give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory general offer under the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers over the shares of the Company. No formal agreement had been signed and the transactions may or may not proceed.

Save for the above, the Board confirms that there are no negotiations or agreements relating to intended acquisitions or realisations which are discloseable under Chapters 19 and 20 of the GEM Listing Rules, neither is the Board aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation imposed by Rule 17.10 of the GEM Listing Rules, which is or may be of a price-sensitive nature.

**Shareholders and investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.**

Made by the order of the Board, the directors of which collectively and individually accept responsibility for the accuracy of this announcement.

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises Ms. Lau Ting, Mr. Yu Wing Keung, Dicky, Mr. Chen Aizheng and Mr. Ng Man Fai, Matthew as Executive Directors and Mr. King Roger, Mr. Huang Shenglan and Mr. Li Xiaojun as Independent Non-Executive Directors.*

By order of the Board  
**WorldMetal Holdings Limited**  
**Ng Lai Ping, Grace**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 30 March 2005

\* *For identification only*

*This announcement, for which the directors (the “Directors”) of WorldMetal Holdings Limited (the “Company”) collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief:– (1) the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading; (2) there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading; and (3) all opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and are founded on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable.*

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