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南戈壁資源有限公司*

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(Stock Code: 1878)

SouthGobi Resources closes strategic investment in Aspire Mining Limited

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Please see the attached announcement for more details.

By order of the Board
SouthGobi Resources Ltd.
Mr. Peter Graham Meredith
Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 December 2010

As of the date of this announcement, the executive Director is Mr. Alexander Alan Molyneux, the non-executive Directors are Mr. Peter Graham Meredith and Mr. John Anthony Macken and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Pierre Bruno Lebel, Mr. Robert William Hanson, Mr. Andre Henry Deepwell, Mr. Gordon Lancaster, Mr. Raymond Edward Flood Jr. and Mr. Robert Stuart Angus.

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After giving effect to the transaction, SouthGobi holds approximately 19.9% of Aspire. SouthGobi will have the right to nominate one director to the Board of Aspire and the right to maintain its proportionate shareholding in Aspire for a period of two years.

The closing price of Aspire on the ASX on December 23 was A\$0.485.

Aspire is a ASX listed coal exploration company focused on advancing the Ovoot Coking Coal Project in Mongolia along with the Nurant and Shanagan Coal Projects.

About SouthGobi Resources

SouthGobi Resources is focused on exploration and development of its Permian-age metallurgical and thermal coal deposits in Mongolia's South Gobi Region. The company's flagship coal mine, Ovoot Tolgoi, is producing and selling coal to customers in China. The company plans to supply a wide range of coal products to markets in Asia.

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Forward-Looking Statements: This document includes forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, plans to supply a wide range of coal products to markets in Asia; and other statements that are not historical facts. When used in this document, the words such as "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Although SouthGobi believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties and no assurance can be given that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements are disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" in SouthGobi's Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the year ended Dec. 31, 2009, and quarter ended September 30, 2010 which are available at www.sedar.com.