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Chinalco and China Merchants Bank have entered into a strategic co-operation agreement

On 3 April, Aluminum Corporation of China ("Chinalco") and China Merchants Bank entered into a strategic co-operation agreement. Under the terms of this agreement, China Merchants Bank will increase the limit of its general credit facility to Chinalco from the current RMB 10 billion to RMB 22 billion to assist Chinalco strengthen its aluminium, copper and rare metals businesses.

The successful conclusion of this arrangement takes the strategic partnership between Chinalco and China Merchants Bank to a new level and represents a key step by both parties to strengthen the bank/corporate co-operation, address the impact of the global financial crisis and realize mutual benefits.

Listed on the Shanghai and Hong Kong Stock Exchanges, China Merchants Bank is the sixth largest commercial bank in China and one of the top 100 banks in the world. The total assets of China Merchants Bank are RMB1500 billion. China Merchants Bank has a long-standing partnership relationship with Chinalco.