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Global Sources announces preliminary tender offer results

NEW YORK, May 30, 2014 – [Global Sources Ltd.](http://www.globalsources.com) (NASDAQ: GSOL) announced today the preliminary results of its cash tender offer to purchase up to 5,000,000 shares of its issued and outstanding common shares at a price of \$10.00 per share. The offer to purchase shares commenced on April 30, 2014 and expired at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on May 28, 2014.

As of May 28, 2014, the company's shares closed at \$8.71 per share, as compared to \$8.89 per share as of April 30, 2014, the date the tender offer commenced.

Based on the preliminary count by Computershare Trust Company, N. A., the depositary for the tender offer, approximately 29.6 million shares of the company's common shares were properly tendered and not properly withdrawn. The number of shares properly tendered and not properly withdrawn is preliminary and subject to change. Given that the number of shares tendered was greater than the number of shares that the company offered to purchase, it will be necessary to apply the "odd lot" priority and pro-ration provisions described in the company's offer to purchase. The "odd lot" priority and pro-ration process is estimated to be concluded by June 4, 2014 and payment to shareholders is expected to promptly commence after that process has been completed. The company will issue payment of \$10.00 per share for all "odd lot" and pro-rata shares that were properly tendered and not properly withdrawn.

In addition to Computershare's role as the depositary, Georgeson Inc. served as the information agent. Questions regarding the tender offer should be directed to Georgeson. U.S. shareholders can

contact Georgeson by calling them at: (1-888) 219-8320. Non-U.S. shareholders can contact Georgeson by calling them at: (1-781) 575-2137. Alternatively, shareholders can email Georgeson at globalsources@georgeson.com. These telephone numbers and email address are scheduled to remain operational until at least June 27, 2014.

About Global Sources

Global Sources is a leading business-to-business media company and a primary facilitator of trade with Greater China.

The core business facilitates trade between Asia and the world using English-language media such as online marketplaces (GlobalSources.com), print and digital magazines, sourcing research reports, private sourcing events, and trade shows.

More than 1 million international buyers, including 95 of the world's top 100 retailers, use these services to obtain product and company information to help them source more profitably from overseas supply markets. These services also provide suppliers with integrated marketing solutions to build corporate image, generate sales leads and win orders from buyers in more than 240 countries and territories.

Global Sources' other businesses provide Chinese-language media to companies selling to and within Greater China. These services include online web sites, print and digital magazines, seminars and trade shows. In mainland China, Global Sources has a network of more than 30 office locations and a community of more than 4 million registered online users and magazine readers of its Chinese-language media.

Now in its fifth decade, Global Sources has been publicly listed on the NASDAQ since 2000.

Safe Harbor Statement

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27-A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21-E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The company's actual results could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements as a result of the risks associated with the company's business, changes in general economic conditions, and changes in the assumptions used in making such forward-looking statements.