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Global Sources commences tender offer

NEW YORK, April 30, 2014 – [Global Sources Ltd.](http://www.globalsources.com) (NASDAQ: GSOL) commences today its cash tender offer for up to 5,000,000 shares of its issued and outstanding common shares at \$10.00 per share, or up to \$50,000,000, as previously announced on March 13, 2014.

As of Feb. 28, 2014, there were 34,722,691 shares of the company's common shares issued and outstanding. The maximum total number of shares that the company is offering to purchase represents approximately 14.4% of the company's total number of common shares issued and outstanding as at Feb. 28, 2014.

The tender offer is not conditioned upon any minimum number of shares being tendered or the availability of any financing. It is, however, subject to certain other conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase.

The tender offer is expected to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on May 28, 2014, unless the tender offer is earlier terminated or extended by the company.

If more than 5,000,000 shares are properly tendered and not properly withdrawn, then the shares will be purchased:

- *First*, from all holders of "odd lots" of fewer than 100 shares who properly tender all of their shares and do not properly withdraw them before the expiration date; and

- *Second*, from all other shareholders who properly tender shares, on a pro-rata basis.

The company's board of directors has approved the tender offer. However, neither the company's management, its board of directors, the depository nor the information agent make any recommendation to any shareholder as to whether to tender or refrain from tendering any shares. The company has not authorized any person to make any recommendation.

Georgeson Inc. will serve as the information agent for the tender offer. U.S. shareholders can contact Georgeson Inc. by calling them at: (1-888) 219-8320. Non-U.S. shareholders can contact Georgeson Inc. by calling them at: (1-781) 575-2137. Alternatively, shareholders can email Georgeson at globalsources@georgeson.com.

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Shareholders should read carefully the information in the Offer to Purchase and in the Letter of Transmittal as they include various terms and conditions of the tender offer and should consult their own investment and tax advisors.

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.