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Appointment of Director

Australian resources company Meridian Minerals Limited ('Meridian' or 'Company') (ASX: MII) today announces the appointment of Mr Zhao Shaoru, effective 11 December 2009.

Mr Zhao's appointment as the representative from Northwest Mining and Geology Group Co., Ltd for Nonferrous Metals (NWME) follows the completion of the \$10.5M investment in Meridian by NWME.

The Board welcomes Mr Zhao as a Director and looks forward to working with him and his contribution to the Company during its next exciting stage of development.

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Initial Director's Interest Notice

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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Name of entity	MERIDIAN MINERALS LIMITED
ABN	93 125 277 634

We (the entity) give ASX the following information under listing rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act.

Name of Director	ZHAO SHAORU
Date of appointment	11 December 2009

Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (i) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Number & class of securities
Nil

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

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Part 2 – Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Name of holder & nature of interest	Number & class of Securities
Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest.	Nil

Part 3 – Director's interests in contracts

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (ii) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Detail of contract	N/A
Nature of interest	
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	
No. and class of securities to which interest relates	

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