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CDEL SCHEDULES FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2008 EARNINGS RELEASE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Earnings Conference Call to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 8:00 am (Eastern) / 5:00 am (Pacific) / 9:00 pm (Beijing/Hong Kong)

BEIJING, CHINA — November 4, 2008 — China Distance Learning Holdings Limited (NYSE: DL) ("CDEL" or "the Company"), a leading provider of online education in China focusing on professional education, today announced that it will release unaudited financial results for the forth quarter and full year 2008 after the US market close on Monday, November 17, 2008.

The earnings release will be available on the investor relations page of its website at <u>http://www.cdeledu.com</u>.

Following the earnings announcement, CDEL senior management will host a conference call at 8:00 am (Eastern) / 5:00 am (Pacific) / 9:00 pm (Beijing/Hong Kong) on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 to discuss its 2008 forth quarter and full year financial results and recent business activity. The conference call may be accessed by calling:

| | Toll Free |
|----------------|----------------|
| United States | (877) 847-0047 |
| China | (800) 876-5011 |
| Hong Kong | +852-3006-8101 |
| United Kingdom | 0 800-559-3276 |
| Passcode | CDEL |

A telephone replay will be available shortly after the call until December 18, 2008 by dialing the following numbers:

| | Toll Free |
|----------------|----------------|
| United States | (866) 572-7808 |
| China | (800) 876-5013 |
| Hong Kong | +852 3012-8000 |
| United Kingdom | 0 808-101-1302 |
| Passcode | 392897 |

A live webcast of the conference call and replay will be available on the investor relations page of CDEL's website at <u>http://www.cdeledu.com</u>.

About China Distance Education Holdings Limited

China Distance Education Holdings Limited is a leading provider of online education in China focusing on professional education. The courses offered by the Company through its websites are designed to help professionals and other course participants obtain and maintain the skills, licenses and certifications necessary to pursue careers in China in the areas of accounting, law, healthcare, construction engineering, information technology and other industries. For more information, please visit: <u>http://www.cdeledu.com</u>.