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**CHINA DISTANCE EDUCATION HOLDINGS LIMITED ANNOUNCES
RESULTS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

BEIJING, China, April 20, 2009 — China Distance Education Holdings Limited (NYSE: DL) (“CDEL”, or the “Company”), a leading provider of online education in China focusing on professional education, today announced that it held its 2009 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (“2009 AGM”) on April 16, 2009. Each of the proposals submitted for shareholder approval at the 2009 AGM has been approved. Specifically, the shareholders have passed resolutions approving:

1. The re-election of Hongfeng Sun as a Class A director of the Company; and
2. The approval and ratification of (i) appointment of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu CPA Ltd. as the Company’s independent auditor for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; (ii) dismissal of the Company’s current independent auditor, Ernst & Young Hua Ming; and (iii) authorization to the board of directors and its audit committee to determine the remuneration of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu CPA Ltd.

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. The Company also offers online test preparation courses to self-taught learners pursuing higher education diplomas or degrees and to secondary school and college students preparing for various academic and entrance exams. In addition, the Company offers online foreign language courses.

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