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CDEL ANNOUNCES LISTING AND COMMENCEMENT OF TRADING ON NYSE

Beijing, China, Wednesday, February 4, 2009 – China Distance Education Holdings Limited (NYSE: DL) (“CDEL” or the “Company”), a leading provider of online education in China focusing on professional education, is pleased to announce that effective from the opening of the trading session of February 4, 2009, the Company began the listing and trading of its American Depositary Shares (the “ADSs”) on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) under the same ticker symbol “DL” that it had used for the listing on NYSE Arca, Inc. Because this is a listing transfer within the NYSE Euronext Group, the Company was able to commence the listing of its ADSs on the NYSE sooner than it had expected, as stated in its announcement dated January 29, 2009.

About China Distance Education Holdings Limited

China Distance Education Holdings Limited is a leading online education provider 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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