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CDEL SCHEDULES SECOND QUARTER 2009 EARNINGS RELEASE ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

Earnings Conference Call to be held on May 18, 2009 at 8:00 am (Eastern) / 5:00 am (Pacific) / 8:00 pm (Beijing/Hong Kong)

BEIJING, CHINA — May 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, today announced that it will release unaudited financial results for the second quarter 2009 after the US market close on Friday, May 15, 2009.

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

Following the earnings announcement, CDEL senior management will host a conference call on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 8:00 am (Eastern) / 5:00 am (Pacific) / 8:00 pm (Beijing/Hong Kong) to discuss its second quarter 2009 financial results and recent business activity. The conference call may be accessed by calling:

| | Toll Free |
|----------------|----------------|
| United States | 1-866-519-4004 |
| China | 800-819-0121 |
| Hong Kong | 800-933-053 |
| United Kingdom | 0808-234-6646 |
| Passcode | CDEL |

A telephone replay will be available shortly after the call until May 25, 2009 by dialing the following numbers:

| | Toll Free |
|----------------|-----------------|
| United States | 1-866-214-5335 |
| China North | 10-800-714-0386 |
| China South | 10-800-140-0386 |
| Hong Kong | 800-901-596 |
| United Kingdom | 0800-731-7846 |
| Passcode | 97553376 |

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

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: <http://ir.cdeledu.com>.