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**Global Sources scheduled to report third quarter 2008 results on
Nov. 13, 2008**

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, 2008 – Global Sources Ltd. (NASDAQ: GSOL) expects to release results for the third quarter 2008 before the market opens on Nov. 13, 2008.

Chairman and CEO, Merle A. Hinrichs, is scheduled to conduct a conference call at 8:00 a.m. ET on Nov. 13, 2008 (9:00 p.m. on Nov. 13, 2008 in Hong Kong) to review these results in more detail. Investors in the United States may participate in the call by dialing (888) 212-8315, and international participants may dial (1-706) 643-0144. Investors in Hong Kong may call (852) 3011-4515. A live webcast of the conference call is scheduled to be available on Global Sources' corporate site at <http://www.investor.globalsources.com>.

For those who cannot listen to the live broadcast, a webcast replay of the call is scheduled to be available on the company's corporate site for 30 days. A telephone replay of the call is also scheduled to be available through Nov. 17, 2008. To listen to the telephone replay, dial (800) 642-1687, or dial (1-706) 645-9291 outside the United States, and enter pass code 67291896#. For those in the Hong Kong area, the replay dial-in numbers is (852) 3011-4541, and enter pass code 67291896#.

About Global Sources

Global Sources is a leading business-to-business media company and a primary facilitator of trade with Greater China. The core business is facilitating trade from Greater China to the world, using a wide range of English-language media. The other business segments facilitate trade from the world to Greater China, and trade within China, using Chinese-language media.

The company provides sourcing information to volume buyers and integrated marketing services to suppliers. It helps a community of over 725,000 active buyers source more profitably from complex overseas supply markets. With the goal of providing the most effective ways possible to advertise, market and sell, Global Sources enables suppliers to sell to hard-to-reach buyers in over 230 countries.

The company offers the most extensive range of media and export marketing services in the industries it serves. It delivers information on 4.3 million products and more than 196,000 suppliers annually through 14 online marketplaces, 13 monthly magazines, over 100 sourcing research reports and 9 specialized trade shows which run 27 times a year across eight cities.

Suppliers receive more than 36 million sales leads annually from buyers through *Global Sources Online* (<http://www.globalsources.com>) alone.

Global Sources has been facilitating global trade for 37 years. Global Sources' network covers more than 69 cities worldwide. In mainland China, Global Sources has over 2,800 team members in more than 44 locations, and a community of over 1 million registered online users and magazine readers for Chinese-language media.

Safe Harbor Statement

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27-A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21-E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The company's actual results could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements as a result of the risks associated with the company's business, changes in general economic conditions, and changes in the assumptions used in making such forward-looking statements.