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Form 6-K  
March 18, 2005

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March 2005

Commission File Number 000-30678

GLOBAL SOURCES LTD.

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(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

Canon's Court  
22 Victoria Street  
Hamilton, HM 12, Bermuda

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Exhibit 1 Press Release dated March 18, 2005.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated March 18, 2005.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

GLOBAL SOURCES LTD.  
(Registrant)

By:                    /s/ Eddie Heng Teng Hua

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Name:     Eddie Heng Teng Hua  
Title:    Director and Chief Financial  
          Officer

Date: March 18, 2005

Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Global Sources Announces US\$40.5 Million Equity Placement

NEW YORK, March 18, 2005 - Global Sources Ltd. (NASDAQ: GSOL) announced today that it has received definitive commitments from unaffiliated institutional investors for the purchase of an aggregate of 3,000,000 shares at US\$13.50 per share of registered common shares for aggregate proceeds of US\$40.5 million. The shares were offered through a prospectus supplement pursuant to the Company's effective shelf registration statement. The share price represents a 19.5 percent discount to the closing price of US\$16.78 per share on the Nasdaq National Market on March 17, 2005. The offering is expected to close on or about March 23, 2005.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, and these securities cannot be sold in any state in which this offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

WR Hambrecht + Co., LLC served as placement agents for the offering. A prospectus and prospectus supplement relating to this transaction may be obtained from WR Hambrecht + Co., LLC at 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1825, New York, NY 10170, or directly from the company.

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We deliver content to our communities through our leading network of nine vertical marketplaces and 13 geographic portals, and through magazines, CD-ROMs and private catalogs, as well as China Sourcing Fairs and technical events. Our flagship marketplace, Global Sources Online ([www.globalsources.com](http://www.globalsources.com)), hosts more marketing and sourcing activity than any other global merchandise trade marketplace.

We serve a growing, independently certified community of more than 423,000 active buyers in over 230 countries and territories. These buyers generate more than 4 million inquiries annually for more than 130,000 suppliers through Global Sources Online alone. We offer extensive creative services and export consultation through 150 client service officers in Greater China and other leading supply markets, and through more than 800 sales representatives who make

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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.