

GLOBAL SOURCES LTD /BERMUDA

Form SC TO-I/A

December 23, 2008

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Schedule TO  
(Rule 14d-100)  
Tender Offer Statement under Section  
14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Amendment No. 3

GLOBAL SOURCES LTD. (Issuer)  
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Name of Filing Person (Offeror))

Common Shares, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

G 39300 101  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

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Transaction Valuation*	Amount of Filing Fee**
\$50,000,000	\$0.00***

\* Calculated solely for purposes of determining the amount of the filing fee. Pursuant to rule 0-11(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Transaction Valuation was calculated assuming that 6,250,000 outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, are being purchased at the tender offer price of \$8.00 per share.

\*\*The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Fee Rate Advisory #6 for Fiscal Year 2008 issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, equals \$39.30 per million of the value of the transaction.

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\*\*\*Global Sources Ltd. previously paid a registration fee of \$38,010 with respect to securities that were previously registered pursuant to the registrant's prior registration statement on Form F-3, (SEC file no. 333-114411), filed on April 12, 2004, of which \$21,088.65 remaining available fees carried over pursuant to Rule 0-11(a)(2) of the Securities Act and has been applied against the filing fee of \$1,965.00 due in connection with the filing of this schedule hereunder.

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Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: \$38,010 Filing Party: Global Sources Ltd.  
Form or Registration No.: 333-114411 Date Filed: April 12, 2004

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the

statement relates:

third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

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This Amendment No. 3 (this “Amendment”) amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 21, 2008, as amended by Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 (as so amended, the “Schedule TO”), by Global Sources Ltd., a Bermuda company (the “Company” or “Global Sources”), relating to the offer by the Company to purchase for cash up to 6,250,000 shares of its common shares, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Shares”) at a price of \$8.00 per share, net to the seller in cash, without interest, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated November 21, 2008 (the “Offer to Purchase”) and the related Letter of Transmittal (the “Letter of Transmittal”), which together, as each may be amended and supplemented from time to time, constitute the offer (the “Offer”). This Amendment to Schedule TO is intended to satisfy the reporting requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). The information contained in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, previously filed with the Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(A) and (a)(1)(B), respectively, is incorporated into this Amendment by reference in response to all of the items of the Schedule TO, except that such information is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent specifically provided herein.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following exhibit:

(a)(5)(E) Press release, dated December 23, 2008, announcing preliminary results of the Offer.

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SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

GLOBAL SOURCES LTD.

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

Dated: December 23, 2008

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- (a)(1)(A)\* Offer to Purchase, dated November 21, 2008.
- (a)(1)(B)\* Letter of Transmittal.
- (a)(1)(C)\* Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
- (a)(1)(D)\* Letter to brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and other nominees, dated November 21, 2008.
- (a)(1)(E)\* Letter to clients for use by brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and other nominees, November 21, 2008.
- (a)(5)(A) Press release, dated November 13, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Schedule TO-C filed November 18, 2008).
- (a)(5)(B)\* Press release, dated November 21, 2008.
- (a)(5)(C)\* Summary of Terms.
- (a)(5)(D)\* Form of Email to Team Members, dated November 25, 2008.
- (a)(5)(E)\*\* Press release, dated December 23, 2008, announcing preliminary results of the Offer.
- (d)(1) Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 27, 2003, among Merle A. Hinrichs, Hill Street Trustees Limited and Hung Lay Si Co. Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1, to Global Sources' Schedule 13D filed December 8, 2003 (File No. 005-50790)).
- (d)(2) Security Agreement dated as of November 27, 2003, Merle A. Hinrichs, Hill Street Trustees Limited and Hung Lay Si Co. Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2, to Global Sources' Schedule 13D filed December 8, 2003 (File No. 005-50790)).
- (d)(3) Share Purchase Agreement dated as of October 5, 2008, among Merle A. Hinrichs, Hill Street Trustees Limited and Hung Lay Si Co. Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to Global Sources' Schedule 13D/A filed November 18, 2008).
- (d)(4) Agreement dated as of October 5, 2008, among Merle A. Hinrichs, Hill Street Trustees Limited and Hung Lay Si Co. Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to Global Sources' Schedule 13D/A filed November 18, 2008).
- (d)(5) Letter amendment dated as of November 11, 2008, between Merle A. Hinrichs and Hung Lay Si Co. Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 5 to Global Sources' Schedule 13D/A filed November 18, 2008).
- (d)(6) The Global Sources Ltd. Director Purchase Plan (as of 5 November 2005) (incorporated by reference to Form S-8 Registration Statement filed on November 7, 2006).
- (d)(7) The Global Sources Equity Compensation (2007) Master Plan (incorporated by reference to Form S-8 Registration Statement filed on November 7, 2006).
- (d)(8) The Global Sources Share Grant Award Plan (incorporated by reference to Form 20-F filed on June 28, 2007).
- (d)(9) The Global Sources Retention Share Grant Plan (incorporated by reference to Form 20-F filed on June 28, 2007).
- (d)(10) The Global Sources Employee Equity Compensation Plan No. V (Amended) (incorporated by reference to Form S-8 filed on April 10, 2003) (File No. 333-104426).

\* Previously filed with the Schedule TO on November 21, 2008.

\*\* Filed herewith.

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Exhibit (a)(5)(E)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Global Sources Announces Preliminary Results of  
Tender Offer

HONG KONG, December 23, 2008 – Global Sources Ltd. (NASDAQ: GSOL) announced today the preliminary results of its cash tender offer to purchase up to 6.25 million shares of its outstanding common shares at a price of \$8.00 per share. The offer to purchase shares commenced on November 21, 2008 and expired at 12:00 midnight, Eastern Time, on December 19, 2008. As of December 19, 2008, the Company's shares closed at \$7.51 per share, as compared to \$5.54 per share as of November 21, 2008, the date the tender offer commenced.

Based on the preliminary count by Computershare Trust Company, N. A., the depository for the tender offer, approximately 38.8 million shares of the Company's common shares were properly tendered and not properly withdrawn. The number of shares properly tendered and not properly withdrawn is preliminary and subject to change. Given that the number of shares tendered was greater than the number of shares that the Company offered to purchase, pro-ration will be necessary. The pro-ration process is estimated to be concluded by December 26, 2008 and payment to shareholders is expected to promptly commence after that process has been

completed. The Company will issue payment of \$8.00 per share for all pro-rata shares that were properly tendered and not properly withdrawn.

The Company retained Share Repurchase Programs, Inc. to act as an independent advisor in connection with the tender offer. In addition to Computershare's role as the depository, Georgeson Inc. served as the information agent. Questions regarding the tender offer should be directed to Georgeson at (866) 295-4321 (Toll-free).

#### 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 uses English-language media to facilitate trade from Greater China to the world. The other business segment utilizes Chinese-language media to enable companies to sell to, and within Greater China.

The company provides sourcing information to volume buyers and integrated marketing services to suppliers. It helps a community of over 753,000 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 43 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.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release contains certain “forward-looking statements” with respect to Global Sources. These statements relate to analyses and other information which are based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. These statements also relate to our future prospects, developments and business strategies. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “plan,” “predict,” “will” and similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions. These forward-looking statements, including current trend information, projections for future business activities and other trend projections, involve risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those suggested or described in the Offer to Purchase.

These risks, uncertainties and other matters can be found in Global Sources Ltd.’s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. Except as required by law, we do not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those expected, estimated or projected.

The information contained in this press release is a statement of our present intention, beliefs or expectations and is based upon, among other things, the existing regulatory environment, industry conditions, market conditions and prices, the economy in general and our assumptions. We may change our intention, belief or expectation, at any time and without notice, based upon any changes in such factors, in our assumptions or otherwise.