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Form 6-K

February 18, 2004

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 February 2004

Commission File Number 000-30678

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GLOBAL SOURCES LTD.  
(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)

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

Form 20-F....X.... Form 40-F.....

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foreign private issuer must furnish and make public under the laws of the  
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report or other document is not a press release, is not required to be and has  
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the  
information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes..... No....X....

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Exhibit 1                      Press Release dated February 16, 2004

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:    17 February, 2004

Exhibit 1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Global Sources announces bonus share issue

NEW YORK, Feb. 16, 2004 - Global Sources Ltd. (Nasdaq NM: GSOL) today announced a one for ten bonus share issue on Global Sources' outstanding common shares.

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Shareholders of record on Mar. 1, 2004 will receive one additional common share for every ten common shares held, of face value of \$0.01 each. The bonus share issue will be distributed on or about Apr. 1, 2004.

### About Global Sources

Global Sources creates and facilitates global trade between buyers and suppliers, by providing the right information, at the right time, in the right format. Our integrated sourcing and marketing solutions enable importers to buy, and exporters to sell, more effectively and profitably.

We aggregate and format industry-specific supplier and product information, and deliver this content to our buyer community worldwide through our leading network of 9 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 over 402,000 active buyers in over 230 countries and territories. These buyers generate more than 3.8 million inquiries annually for nearly 140,000 suppliers through Global Sources Online alone. We offer extensive supplier enablement capabilities in Greater China and other leading supply markets through 63 content management offices and 700 sales representatives, who make approximately 40,000 supplier visits monthly. In mainland China, we have 22 years on-the-ground presence, supported by 900 team members in 43 locations throughout the country.

Global Sources' solutions are based on 33 years as a trade magazine publisher serving the global trade community, 13 years as a trade management software developer, 12 years as manager of trade shows in Asia, and 8 years as an online marketplace operator.

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.