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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 December 2003

Commission File Number 000-30678

GLOBAL SOURCES LTD.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Other Events.

On November 27, 2003, Global Sources Ltd. issued a press release, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 6-K and hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated November 27, 2003.

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

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NEW YORK, Nov. 27, 2003-- Global Sources Ltd. (Nasdaq NM: GSOL) announced today that Merle A. Hinrichs, the chairman and chief executive officer of Global Sources acquired 13,667,132 Common Shares of Global Sources Ltd., representing 51.9 percent of the outstanding Common Shares, from Hung Lay Si Co. Ltd. After giving effect to this purchase, Mr. Hinrichs owns approximately 67.2 percent of the outstanding Common Shares. As consideration for the purchase of the Common Shares, Mr. Hinrichs has agreed to pay to Hung Lay Si Co. Ltd. \$109,337,056, payable on November 27, 2013. Mr. Hinrichs also has the right to prepay such amount at any time. Pending payment of such amount, Hung Lay Si Co. Ltd. will have a security interest in Common Shares by Mr. Hinrichs.

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