

China Resources Enterprise, Limited

Press Release

CRE ACQUIRED THE ONLY BREWERY IN TIANJIN

(Hong Kong - 31st May 1999) China Resources Enterprise, Limited ("CRE") has announced that the Company, through its subsidiary CRE Beverage Limited, acquired a 92.5% interest in Tianjin Foster's Brewery Co. Ltd. The new brewery with a current annual capacity of 75,000 tonnes, is the only brewery in Tianjin, one of four city states in China, and home to 9.4 million people.

With this new addition, the Company's total number of breweries in China has increased to six, with four major breweries (two in Shenyang, one in Dalian and one in Jilin) serving the north-east provinces which include the Liaoning, Jilin and Heilongjiang province. The other brewery is strategically located in the Sichuan province. The Company's total brewing capacity, including the Tianjin plant, will increase to approximately 950,000 tonnes.

As announced in its 1998 final result, the Company intends to continue expanding its production capacity and market share through internal expansion and acquisition of new plants. The new acquisition fits well into the Company's strategy.

The Managing Director of CRE, Mr. Huang Tieying, said "CRE is very optimistic about the Chinese beer market which the Company believes has great potential. CRE has accumulated extensive experience and expertise over the past few years in the Chinese brewing industry, and together with its joint venture partner, South African Breweries plc which is the fourth largest brewing company in the world, we are confident that the Company will continue to build a world class brewing operation going into the next millenium."

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