

## **NYSE Euronext Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Tianjin Municipal Government**

**Tianjin, Sept. 9, 2008** – NYSE Euronext, the world’s leading and most liquid exchange group, today signed a cooperation agreement with the Tianjin Municipal government. Catherine Kinney, Executive Vice President and Head of Global Listings, NYSE Euronext, and Zhang Junfang, deputy mayor of Tianjin, attended the ceremony in which both organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding and agreed to cooperate and develop mutually beneficial programs. Yu Zuosheng, Chairman of General Steel, the only Tianjin-based company that listed on NYSE, spoke on behalf on Tianjin enterprises at the signing ceremony.

On March 17th 2008, the Trial Scheme of Comprehensive Reform in Binhai New Area was approved by China’s State Council. It allowed Tianjin to establish its Over-the-Counter market. Under the terms of the MOU, NYSE Euronext, which has expertise in developing and operating capital markets, will provide consultancy to the Tianjin Municipal Government for the OTC market establishment.

In addition, the two parties will strengthen their cooperation and partnership through reciprocal visits, meetings, education and trainings. Tianjin will be, on a nonexclusive basis, a priority city in China for NYSE Euronext to partner closely with. Tianjin Financial Services Office will promote NYSE Euronext as the stock exchange of choice for Tianjin-based enterprises intending to list in the U.S. or Europe.

"We welcome this opportunity to work more closely on areas of mutual interest with the Tianjin Municipal government," said Catherine R. Kinney, NYSE Euronext EVP and Head of Global Listings. "We are committed to the success of this alliance, which will benefit and create growth opportunities for both organizations and further strengthen the ties between China and the United States."

Cui Jindu, Member of the standing committee of Tianjin Municipal Committee of the CPC and deputy mayor of Tianjin, met Catherine Kinney before the signing ceremony. "NYSE Euronext is the largest and most liquid exchange group in the world, and enjoys an unparalleled leadership in global capital market. The group has accumulated rich experience and abundant market resources through its more than 200 years of existence and development. I hope that NYSE Euronext and Tianjin could complement to each other, while increasing NYSE Euronext’s presence in China as well as facilitating the building of Tianjin as a financial center," said Cui Jindu.

### **Background on NYSE Euronext-China:**

- NYSE Euronext has 57 companies listed from Greater China. This includes 41 companies from Mainland China listed on the NYSE, 4 from Hong Kong on the NYSE,

and 5 Taiwanese companies on the NYSE, as well as 4 companies listed on NYSE Arca, and 3 companies listed on NYSE Alternext.

- The People's Republic of China is one of the largest sources of listed companies from the Asia-Pacific region, which has a total of 108 companies representing 11 countries. The 57 companies from Greater China with a total market capitalization of more than \$1.2 trillion represent 51% of the 108 NYSE-listed companies from Asia Pacific region.

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