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Standard Chartered Bank Announces Winners of “A Legend of the Future - China’s Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow” Award

(8 November 2006, Beijing) The Award Presentation ceremony of “A Legend of the Future -China’s Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow” Award was successfully concluded today in Beijing. The Award was initiated and organized by Standard Chartered Bank, and proudly supported by the SME Department of PRC National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). The ceremony was culminated in crowning Guizhou Baihua Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. with the Gold Award to recognize its outstanding track record. The company also won the “Most Trustworthy” Award. The Silver Awards went to two companies from Guangdong province - Guangzhou SCUT BESTRY Auto-Control Technology Corporation Ltd. and Guangzhou Youbao Biotech Co., Ltd. The Bronze Awards were shared by three enterprises from Sichuan and Beijing (please see Appendix for the winners list). The ceremony also featured the presence of distinguished guests – including NDRC SME Department Director-General Wang Yuanzhi and Standard Chartered Bank China CEO Katherine Tsang- to issue awards to the winners.

The award winning enterprises are apparently indicative of China’s SME growth momentum and prospect in respect of: a) leveraging academic or R&D strength to bolster growth, and focusing on seamless integration of academia, research

and production to drive corporate development; b) emphasizing innovation, people, quality and creditability, and highlighting the importance of technical innovation not only to high-tech businesses but to other industries as well; c) boasting of strong domestic and international competitiveness, and standing ready to gain further in the future.

NDRC Vice Minister Ou Xinqian congratulated the winners:” All the winning SMEs have certainly lived the spirit of ‘SME Growth Project’. I hope they will continue to contribute to the harmonious, healthy, and rapid development of China economy. May I wish the winners the very best and accomplish greater achievement in the near future. ”

The winners list constitutes a mixture of traditional manufacturing enterprise - Chongqing Hongqi Cylinder Head Manufacture Co., Ltd., and high-tech company - Guangzhou SCUT BESTRY Auto-Control Technology Corporation Ltd. Some of the award winners are industry leaders, others are hard-working companies with strong entrepreneurship spirit. Notably, the gold award winner - Guizhou Baihua Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. has been evolved into an industry driver and new technology developer featuring advanced technologies and ample research achievements through integration and reorganization of technical resources with Zhejiang University, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, and Chongqing Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine. As a result, the company has registered a distinctive record of success. Baihua Chairman Huang Wenrong said, “The Award not only provides a platform for SMEs to showcase corporate brand and image, but more importantly, it gives us an opportunity to share advanced knowledge and expertise with many senior experts and enterprises of excellence.”

Katherine Tsang, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank China added, “Standard Chartered is committed to providing long-term support to SME growth. We believe, this Award will help create a better growth environment for

SMEs, enable them to extend their global reach, and provide more opportunities for them to showcase their cutting edges. We are confident that, with the strong support from the community, China's SMEs will become the leading enterprises of tomorrow. We sincerely wish the "China's Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow" Award will, through our joint endeavour, become a platform to SMEs to learn and grow in the midst of competition, and evolve into a premiere annual event in China."

The Award is designed to create a favorable social and economic environment for SMEs to grow in a healthy way. The Award had attracted application from over 600 SMEs across China. The browsing rate of the Award's associated websites including china.alibaba.com was over 120,000 times. Standard Chartered Bank organized three SME seminars in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou respectively for the top 300-plus entrants to share with them experiences and best practices of government officials, academia and renowned entrepreneurs on various topics such as brand building and financial and taxation planning. Award winners will be invited to visit Hong Kong in late November and participate in an International SME Expo to showcase the unique Chinese corporate charisma to the world.

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Appendix

The Winners List

◆ Gold Award (1):

Guizhou Baihua Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

- ◆ Silver Awards (2):
 - Guangzhou SCUT BESTRY Auto-Control Technology Corporation Ltd.
 - Guangzhou Youbao Biotech Co., Ltd.
- ◆ Bronze Awards (3):
 - Sichuan Suining Nanda Foodstuff Co., Ltd.
 - Chongqing Hongqi Cylinder Head Manufacture Co., Ltd.
 - Beijing Hanming Communications Co., Ltd.
- ◆ The “Most Creative” Award (1)
 - Shenzhen SEG GPS Scientific Navigations Co., Ltd.
- ◆ The “Most Responsive” Award (1)
 - Shanghai Lizhong Hardwood Co., Ltd.
- ◆ The “Most International” Award (1):
 - Beijing iSoftStone Information Service Corporation
- ◆ The “Most Courageous” Award (1):
 - Sichuan Suining Nanda Foodstuff Co., Ltd.
- ◆ The “Most Trustworthy” Award (1):
 - Guizhou Baihua Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

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