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Standard Chartered Bank Announces Winners of “A Legend of the Future – China’s Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow” Award 2008

21 November 2008, Shanghai –The Award Presentation Ceremony of the 3rd “A Legend of the Future - China’s Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow Award” 2008 (“the Award”) has successfully concluded in Shanghai today. The Award was organized by Standard Chartered Bank (China) Limited (“Standard Chartered China”), supported by the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Department of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), and co-organized by the Research Centre for SME of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

A total of 10 outstanding Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) won the coveted 11 awards. The Gold Awards went to Shenzhen Shenxinfu Electronic Technologies Co. Ltd(Medium-sized enterprises category) and Beijing Hailanxin Digital Technologies Holdings Ltd.(Small-sized enterprises category).

“A Legend of the Future – China’s Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow” Award 2008 attracted more than 1,100 applicants from 23 provinces and municipalities. Amongst them, most of the 360 first round entrants were from the economically developed Eastern coastal areas. 237 companies were from East China, representing 66% of all the first round entrants. Manufacturing companies took the lead with 215 companies or 60%, followed up by trading companies that made up 23%.

This year’s winners impressed the jury with their scientific and technological innovations. About 66% of the winners have various professional certificates, while over one third of the corporations have received financial assistance from the Ministry of Science & Technology, or the former National Development and Reform Committee. Also, many corporations realized the importance of product quality for long term competitiveness and corporate development, and have been continuously pursuing both national and international quality audit checks and authorisations.

Although most winners are from economically developed coastal areas, there are also many SMEs from the less developed Central and Western areas of China who display remarkable performance. Among them are Taiyuan Hanbo Foodstuff Industrial Co. Ltd who won the Bronze Award of Medium-sized Enterprises category, and Sichuan Maiketechnologies Co. Ltd, who won the Silver Award of Small-sized Enterprises category. This is a strong indication of the growing economic importance of China’s Central and Western regions.

Katherine Tsang, CEO and Executive Vice Chairman of Standard Chartered Bank (China) Limited, delivered a keynote speech at the award ceremony and conferred the Awards to the winners. Katherine Tsang said, “Standard Chartered is deeply committed in supporting China’s economic development and has great confidence in the future of Chinese SMEs. We are delighted to see so many outstanding SMEs excel in innovation, financial and scientific management, and brand development,

which will enable them to overcome the present economic challenges. Among the winners this year, many of them are from the fast growing technology industry. This shows that more and more SMEs are increasingly using technological innovation in their corporate development. We believe these companies which focus on process innovation and intellectual property will be the new stars of tomorrow!"

Di Na, Deputy Director of the SME Division of The Ministry of Industry & Information Technology of China, also attended the award ceremony and conferred the Award to the winners. Congratulating the winners, Di Na said supporting SMEs is a long-term yet difficult task. She assured the participants that the Chinese Government will continue to provide all-rounded support to SMEs. She also commended Standard Chartered Bank's "China's Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow" Award in promoting the stable and sustainable development of China's SMEs.

"A Legend of the Future – China's Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow" Award has successfully been held for three consecutive years. This year's winner will be invited to join a learning tour in Hong Kong in December and have the opportunity to attend the World SME Expo. Standard Chartered Bank aims to build the Award as a platform for SMEs, government and organizations to exchange ideas and promote the growth of China's SMEs in a healthy and professional manner.

Amidst the current economic slowdown, Standard Chartered Bank encourages all aspects of society to continue to support Chinese SMEs on financial management, branding and talent recruitment, in their pursuit of sustainable development.

A Legend of the Future – China's Leading Enterprises of Tomorrow" Award 2008 Winner List

Best Medium Enterprise

Gold Award: Shenzhen Shenxinfu Electronic Technologies Co. Ltd

Silver Award: Shenzhen Jiachuang Shixun Technologies Holdings Ltd

Bronze Award: Taiyuan Hanbo Foodstuff Industrial Co. Ltd

Best Small Enterprise

Gold Award: Beijing Hailanxin Digital Technologies Holdings Ltd

Silver Award: Sichuan Maike Technologies Co. Ltd

Bronze Award: Foshan Nanhai Huashi Metal Decoration Co. Ltd

Best Innovation Award: Shenzhen Shibode Telecom Development Co. Ltd

Best Honesty Award: Beijing Hailanxin Digital Technologies Holdings Ltd

Best Social Responsibility Award: Beijing Hualijia Environment Engineering Technologies Co. Ltd

Best Enterprising Award: Shanghai Yanhua Biotechnologies Co. Ltd

Best Internationalization Award: Foshan Nanhai Yigao Bathroom Products Co. Ltd

Note to editors:

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In China, the Bank set up its first branch in Shanghai in 1858, and has remained in operation throughout the past 150 years. Standard Chartered Bank (China) Limited is one of the first foreign banks to locally incorporate in China in April 2007. This demonstrates the Bank's commitment to the China market, and its leading position as a foreign bank in the banking industry.

Standard Chartered China has one of the largest foreign bank networks – with 15 branches, 33 sub-branches and 1 representative office in China (*Approval for the Dalian representative office to upgrade to a branch has been granted and preparation is in progress*). In 2008, Standard Chartered China clinched the Asian Banker's Best Foreign Retail Bank in China Award. In 2007, Standard Chartered China won the "Top 10 Financial Institution Award" and the "Best SME Services Award" by China CFO World, together with the "China's Best Corporate Citizenship Award" by 21st Century Business Herald.

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