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Commissioning of Yangxian Plant

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The directors of West China Cement (the "Board") are pleased to announce the full commissioning of the Yangxian plant, located in Hanzhong County. The plant commenced production and sales of cement in the last week of March following the firing up of the kiln on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 and it is currently running at full production capacity.

The Yangxian plant, the first of two plants planned by the Company in Hanzhong County, comprises a 2,500 tonne per day NSP clinker production line with annual cement production of approximately 1.1 million tonnes. The Company's second plant in Hanzhong County, the Mianxian plant, is on schedule and commissioning is expected in the third quarter of 2010.

Commenting on the Yangxian plant, Chief Executive Mr. Zhang Jimin said:

"The full commissioning of our Yangxian plant represents our first sales of cement produced in Hanzhong County, an area we see as strategically important in achieving a market leading position in southern Shaanxi province."

At the Company's AGM held on 31 March 2010, resolutions were approved by shareholders in relation to the proposed listing of the Company on the HKEx (the "HKEx Listing"), including a de-listing of the Company from AIM (the "De-Listing") to take place at the same time as the HKEx Listing. These resolutions are conditional on the HKEx Listing taking place, and the Directors expect that the HKEx Listing and the De-Listing will take place on or around 24 May 2010.

The expected date of the De-Listing and the HKEx Listing set out above is the earliest expected date and is subject to change. The timing of the De-Listing is contingent on the HKEx Listing. In the event that these dates are revised, the Company will make an appropriate announcement and the final dates will be confirmed not less than ten clear business days in advance of the relevant date.

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Notes to Editors:

West China Cement ("WCC" or the "Company") is a leading cement producer in China's Shaanxi Province.

Headquartered in the provincial capital Xi'an, the Company has seven cement production lines located in Shaanxi Province, namely in Pucheng, Lantian (Line 1 and 2), Xunyang (Ankang), Zhen'an (Xiushan), Danfeng (Longqiao) and Yangxian, with a total annual production capacity of 8.5 million tonnes as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. All our production lines employ the advanced NSP technology.

In order to meet the fast-growing market demand for cement products in the region, three new production lines in Mianxian, Pucheng and Xixiang are under construction, which will have a combined annual production capacity of 3.3 million tonnes.

WCC has been recognized as one of *Forbes'* "Famous Enterprises with Highest Growth Potential" in three consecutive years from 2006 to 2008 and recognised as one of *Forbes'* "Asia's 200 Best Companies with a Market Capitalisation Under US\$1 billion" in 2009.

WCC listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange on 4 December 2006, raising approximately £20.1 million net of expenses. The Company's production capacity has expanded from 1.4 million tonnes prior to its AIM listing to over 8 million tonnes in 2009. Its revenue has increased from RMB 0.3 billion in 2006 to more than RMB 1.5 billion in 2009.

It is against this background that the Board has decided to list the Company on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEx). It is expected that the Listing on the HKEx may take place on or around 24 May 2010, subject to approval of the listing sub-committee of the board of directors of the HKEx.