On 26 February, Shaanxi Yaobai Special Cement Co Limited ("Yaobai"), a fully owned subsidiary of West China Cement Limited ("WCC") held a manufacturing technology meeting in Xi'an. Attendees included the CEO, Mr. Jimin Zhang, Chief technology officer, Mr. Jianli Wang, Chief administration officer, Mr. Maoyuan Tian and a number of other peer leaders and technicians who also participated in the meeting.

Mr. Jianli Wang, head of the Shaanxi Yaobai technical committee, announced the technical committee list of 2009. Committee secretary, Mr. Xianjun Li, reviewed the technical work undertaken in 2008 and confirmed the technical reform and QC projects which are to be carried out in 2009. Mr. Wang urged the committee to continue to play a positive role in cultivating technicians and to provide technical support for production and sales.

Mr Zhang stressed that technological progress and innovation are key to the company's continued growth. He praised the Company's strong performance and its achievements in lowering production costs and improving product quality since the founding of the technical committee in 2007. He also emphasised that every technician should seek to improve their understanding of the technical processes and the latest technological advancements so to further Yaobai's edge over its competitors.

Finally, based on the summary reviews of 2008, a deployment was made on the technical work to be undertaken in 2009, which will lay a solid foundation for the continued technological progression of the company.

