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SHANGHAI INDUSTRIAL JOINS HUTCHISON WHAMPOA, COSCO PACIFIC TO INVEST IN SHANGHAI CONTAINER TERMINAL

(March 29, 2000 -- SHANGHAI) Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited ("SIHL"), Hutchison Whampoa, COSCO Pacific and the Shanghai Port Authorities today signed a joint venture contract to invest in Shanghai Waigaoqiao Container Terminal Phase One.

Participating in the contract signing ceremony were SIHL Chairman Cai Lai Xing, SIHL CEO Zhuo Fu Min, Hutchison Whampoa Chairman Li Ka-shing and COSCO Pacific Executive Vice Chairman Dong Jiufeng. Shanghai Vice Mayor Chen Liangyu and Vice Mayor Han Zheng also attended the ceremony.

SIHL will be holding 10% interest of the new joint venture -- Shanghai Pudong International Container Terminals Limited, while the Shanghai Port Authorities will be the largest stakeholder, with 40% interest. Total investment will be RMB3 billion (approximately HK$2.8 billion) and investment period 50 years. The terminal has a 900-metre shoreline, 3 container berths and a land area of 500,000 sq.m.

According to SIHL Chairman Cai Lai Xing, Shanghai has made ambitious plans to develop into an international shipping centre. The current container throughput volume in Shanghai accounts for 23% of the total container throughput of all coastal ports in China, and its development potential was well recognized among international shipping communities. Mr Cai said that SIHL's investment in Shanghai's container terminal extends the development prospect of the company's infrastructure investment, and he was positive that the investment will bear very positive returns.
Completed in 1994, the Shanghai Waigaoqiao Container Terminal Phase One features state-of-the-art container port facilities and is run by modern management. Its container throughput volume in 1999 was 938,000 TEU's, and it is expected to reach 1.1 million TEU's this year.

As the 3rd largest port in the world, the Shanghai Port saw its container throughput increasing by more than 20% every year since the early 1990's. In 1999, total container throughput in Shanghai was 4.2 million TEU's, the 7th largest in the world, and it is expected to increase to 16 million TEU's by 2015.

SIHL is a listed company in Hong Kong and is a constituent stock of the Hang Seng Index. Its subsidiaries and associated companies are engaged in the production and sales of consumer products, parts and components of automobile; retail sales; infrastructure investment; and the production and sales of hi-tech products. Its turnover and shareholders' attributable profits for 1998 amounted to HK$3.558 billion and HK$1.154 billion respectively.