

## **Computershare to advise on China Securities Registration Business**

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Computershare Limited (ASX:CPU), the world's largest and only global securities registry business, has been selected by China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (SD&C) to advise it on the Chinese securities registration service.

Computershare's team of experts started work in Beijing on 19 August 2002. It is investigating ways to help SD&C improve its registration business and registration risk management practices so that they will be more closely in line with international best practices

The Computershare team is led by Stuart Crosby, Computershare's Group Managing Director with responsibility for all Computershare's businesses in the Asia Pacific region, and Dudley Chamberlain, a senior executive of the company with over 40 years of experience in the securities industry.

"Computershare has a strong commitment to doing all it can to help in the development the Chinese securities markets. Computershare has been involved in the Chinese markets since 1999 and our Hong Kong subsidiary Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited (a joint venture with Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited) recently handled the IPO registration of BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited in which nearly 400,000 Hong Kong investors applied for and received shares", Crosby said.

Crosby added, "At a personal level, since I first became involved in the Chinese securities markets more than 10 years ago, I have had an ever growing admiration for China's achievements. SD&C already handles more than 68 million investor accounts very effectively. We look forward to providing a global perspective to their planning for the future."

"SD&C is the sole national securities depository, clearing and registration company. It has built an effective business process system and achieved securities dematerialization and STP in clearing, settlement, registration and custody service." Liu Chunxu, Deputy General Manager, said, "In order to standardize our business in accordance with international practice, we invited Computershare, the largest global registry service provider, to provide consultative service for us, and we believe with their expertise and experience, they will bring us valuable advice in this business."

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### **About Computershare**

Computershare ([www.computershare.com](http://www.computershare.com)) is a leading financial services and technology provider for the global securities industry, providing services and solutions to listed companies, investors, employees, exchanges and other financial institutions. It is the largest and only global share registry, managing more than 68 million shareholder accounts for over 7,500 corporations in ten countries on five continents. It also provides sophisticated trading technology to financial markets in fourteen countries across each major time zone.

Founded in Australia in 1978, Computershare today employs more than 5,000 people worldwide.

### **About SD&C**

SD&C was established in March 2001, setting up its Shanghai branch and Shenzhen branch in September the same year, while taking over the entire securities registration and clearing business from Shanghai Securities Central Clearing & Registration Company and Shenzhen Securities Central Settlement Co. Ltd in October. Currently, It provides services for the two Exchanges, i.e. Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange. So far, SD&C has opened and maintained more than 68 million securities accounts for investors, registered more than 1100 stocks and held more than 4.7 trillion RMB of clients stock assets in the depository. The value of transaction settled by SD&C in 2001 was about 6.12 trillion RMB.

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