

The Company is pleased to announce that on the 18 March 2009, Yaobai, the fully owned subsidiary of West China Cement Limited ("WCC"), was awarded the titles of "Excellent Management Innovation Enterprise" and "Superior Technology Innovation Enterprise" which were granted by the Enterprise Management Association of China's Building Material Industry. These awards reflect the strength of Yaobai's technological innovations which have been markedly enhanced over a 30 year development period. It also reflects the superior product quality and management standards achieved by all at the Company.

