

CLSA Capital Partners invests in Shanghai Tonva Petrochemical Co., Ltd

Hong Kong, 19 November 2007 – CLSA Capital Partners' ARIA Investment Partners II, L.P. ("Aria II") and ARIA Investment Partners III, L.P. ("Aria III"), have completed an investment of approximately US\$25 million in Shanghai Tonva Petrochemical Co., Ltd ("STP"), a Hong Kong GEM listed H share company (stock code: 8251), by way of a placement of 175,000,000 H shares constituting approximately 20.03% of the total issued shares of STP. The deal was completed on 15 November 2007.

STP is a PRC one-stop asphalt sales and logistics services company. Its logistics services cover vehicle transportation, ocean transportation, inland water transportation and storage of asphalt. It has storage hubs with an aggregate storage capacity of about 114,000 tons and is expanding its network to support markets in inland cities. More information on STP can be found on its website at www.tonva.com.

The placement was accompanied by an open offer to all existing public shareholders and assisted in raising approximately US\$10.6 million for STP. The subscriber held by Aria III will be entitled to nominate a candidate to be appointed as a non-executive director of the Company and an alternate director, and the subscriber held by Aria II will be entitled to appoint a non-voting observer to attend all Board meetings of the Company.

Deputy CEO of CLSA Capital Partners Josephine Price said STP's management team had demonstrated strong business acumen, diligence and focus.

"They are obviously committed to long term growth, with sound fundamentals driving their business. We are looking forward to leveraging CLSA Capital Partners China experience to drive value back into the business," Price said.

CLSA Capital Partners Managing Director and Head of China Alvin Ho said the demand for asphalt in China was driven by the growth in road construction in maintenance.

"STP is expanding its value chain to cover fuel oil logistics and also forming strategic alliances with road contractors, which will in turn feed demand into its core business. We are very positive about long term growth in this sector and our expansion capital will help STP build on its already strong platform," Ho said.

Chairman of STP Qian Wenhua said: "CLSA Capital Partners was the ideal partner for us with an excellent track record, brand in the PRC, good corporate governance practices and strong network. The partnership with CLSA Capital Partners will enable us to tackle the challenges of growth as we strive to take our company to the next level."

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CLSA Capital Partners is approaching US\$2 billion under management across eight main funds: Aria Investments, which focuses on growth capital for companies exposed to domestic demand; Fudo Capital, which invests in Asian property; CLSA Sunrise Capital, which focuses on growth and mid-market buyout opportunities in Japan; Clean Resources Asia which focuses on the region's clean energy plays; Clean Water Asia, which focuses on water infrastructure; MezzAsia, which provides mezzanine debt financing for Asian buyouts; Alcor Investment, an Asian absolute return fund and Pacific Transport, a regional shipping and transport opportunities fund.

CLSA Capital Partners has a diverse team of professionals with backgrounds spanning industries from banking to law and accountancy. The highly experienced team, with long established roots in the region, has helped many Asian companies realise their growth potential.

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