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**Asia Cement (China) Holdings Corporation**  
**亞洲水泥(中國)控股公司**

**Production capacity of Hubei new production line exceeds  
designed capacity in the third day of operation  
5,000 tonnes per day will soon achieved**

(Hong Kong, 18 March 2009) The major integrated cement producer in the Central Yangtze River Region and the Sichuan Region — Asia Cement (China) Holdings Corporation (“Asia Cement (China)” or the “Group”; Stock Code: 743) announced that the production capacity of No.1 rotary kilns at Hubei Yadong Plant located in China’s Central Yangtze River region exceeded its designed capacity in the third day of its operation.

The new production line commenced operation on 10 March 2009. The production capacity in the third day achieved 4,600 tonnes, exceeding the designed rated capacity of 4,200 tonnes of clinker per day. The material injection capacity now reaches 290 tonnes per hour, and the daily production capacity is expected to come to 5,000 tonnes in the short run. Hubei Yadong is the largest cement production plant in Wuhan region.

All rotary kilns of the Group are the world’s most advanced dry processing kilns with suspension preheater designed by a German manufacturer, KHD Humboldt Wedag International Ltd. (“KHD”) with daily designed rated capacity of 4,200 tonnes of clinker. The actual production capacity of clinker is 5,000 tonnes per day, 19% higher than the designed capacity. Annual utilization rate of the kilns may reach over 95% while the annual production capacity of over 1.65 million tones can be achieved. The operating efficiency is ahead of the advanced international standard.

Mr Hsu Shu-tong, Chairman of Asia Cement (China) said, “We are able to build up a comprehensive production facilities of clinker in the Wuhan upon the commencement of operation of No. 1 rotary kilns at Hubei Yadong Plant, further enhancing our competitiveness in the area. No. 2 rotary kilns of the same plant is expected to be completed by the end of 2010, and will thus increase the annual production capacity of clinker and that of cement products to over 3.3 million tonnes and 4 million tones respectively. The Group will continue to strengthen its production capacity in an effort to expand its market presence”.



Apart from the expansion plan of No. 2 rotary kilns at Hubei Yadong Plant, Asia Cement (China) has commenced the construction of No. 1 rotary kilns of Huangang Yadong Plant and No 4 rotary kilns of Jiangxi Yadong Plant. All are scheduled to be completed by the mid of 2010. The rated production capacity of the Group in the Central Yangtze River Region will then be increased to 8.3 million tonnes of clinker per annum (expected actual production capacity of clinker: 9.9 million tonnes while the production capacity of cement products per annum will be 13 million tonnes.

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### **About Asia Cement (China) Holdings Corporation**

Listed on 20 May 2008, Asia Cement (China) is one of the leading integrated cement producers in the Central Yangtze River Region (which includes the provinces of Jiangxi and Hubei) and a major integrated cement producer in the Sichuan Region (which comprises Sichuan province), both in terms of production volume. The Group's integrated operations range from the excavation of principal raw materials, to the production, sale and distribution of clinker and different types of cement and RMC products through a well-established road and riverway transportation network to its principal markets. The Group's cement and RMC products are sold in Shanghai and the provinces of Jiangxi, Hubei, Sichuan, Zhejiang, Anhui and Fujian. The Group's NDP (new dry process) cement products are sold under the brand name “洋房” (skyscraper), which is recognized as a premium-quality cement product with high environmental protection and energy saving levels. The Group's existing principal production facilities are located in the provinces of Jiangxi, Sichuan and Hubei while the RMC mixing facilities are situated in Shanghai and the provinces of Sichuan, Hubei, Jiangsu and Jiangxi, enabling the Group to produce and supply its products in close proximity to its customers.

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