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## **ASIA CEMENT (CHINA)'S 2011 NET PROFIT EXPECTED TO SOAR BY OVER 140%**

Asia Cement (China) Holdings Corporation ("Asia Cement (China)" or the "Company", stock code: 00743; together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") issued a profit alert, expecting that the net profit attributable to owners of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2011 will increase by over 140% from that of the previous year (Note: the audited net profit attributable to owners of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2010 amounted to RMB510.9 million).

The increase in the Group's net profit in 2011 was primarily attributable to the increase in production capacity and sales volume after the full operation of No. 3 new dry process rotary kiln at Sichuan Yadong Plant, No. 1 new dry process rotary kiln at Huanggang Yadong Plant, No. 4 new dry process rotary kiln at Jiangxi Yadong Plant, No. 2 new dry process rotary kiln at Hubei Yadong Plant and Wuhan Yaxin Cement Co, Ltd., The encouraging results were also attributable to the significant increase in average selling price of the Company's products compared with that of the previous year.

The Group's rated annual production capacity and actual annual production volume of clinker are 14,800,000 tonnes and 17,500,000 tonnes respectively.

The Group will accelerate the construction of Jiangxi Yadong No. 5 and No. 6 new dry process rotary kilns (each of these lines will have a daily production capacity of 6,000 tonnes of clinker and is expected to put into production in 2013. By that time, the Group's total annual production capacity of clinker will reach 20,000,000 tonnes and actual annual production volume will reach 23,850,000 tonnes. The annual production volume of cement will exceed 30,000,000 tonnes). Upon government approval, the Group will also construct a vertically integrated cement plant with modern environmentally friendly and energy conservation facilities in northern China that will also assist society in waste reduction.

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

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 Sichuan Province. The Group's vertical integration spans from the excavation of principal raw materials, to 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 Company's shares became listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 20 May 2008.

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