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AmCham-China Comments On China's Planned Institutional Restructuring

BEIJING, March 12, 2008 ... The American Chamber of Commerce in China has followed with interest the developments regarding China's planned administrative changes to streamline its regulatory system. AmCham-China welcomes any moves that will reduce bureaucracy and encourage the recognition of the rule of law, and the efficient and consistent promulgation, interpretation, and enforcement of all laws and regulations. The need to have transparent and uniform application of the laws is consistently cited as a key concern for US companies operating in China.

"We applaud the government's efforts to reorganize various institutions to better improve regulatory practices, reduce unnecessary bureaucracy, and to continue on a path of reform to meet the challenges of an emerging market economy," said James Zimmerman, Chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in China. "We support the creation of a 'super ministry' system to streamline governmental functions and hope these changes will advance the Chinese government's efforts to improve efficiency and reduce administrative costs."

AmCham-China believes that strengthening management of the energy sector and environmental protection enhances the government's focus on sustainable development.

"SEPA's rise to a ministry level reflects the government's commitment to sustainable development and environmental protection. It's progression from a lower-level bureau within the Ministry of Construction to a ministerial level is a reflection of the change of thinking and heightened awareness of the need to better manage growth," said Zimmerman.

AmCham-China also appreciates the government's determination to improve key areas such as social security and product safety.

AmCham-China also hopes the challenges of consistent enforcement at the provincial and local levels will be addressed. Despite the promulgation of effective laws and regulations at the central level, AmCham's members say many instances exist of inconsistent or inadequate enforcement at the local level. Examples of this include recent food and product safety issues and the persistent issues regarding intellectual property protection.



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