Company Profile



Guangshen Railway Company Limited (the "Company") was established on 6th March, 1996. The Company is a joint stock limited company engaging in railway passenger and freight transportation and related services and is registered in Shenzhen, the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") in accordance with the Company Law of the PRC.

In May 1996, the H shares and American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") issued by the Company were listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Exchange") and the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., respectively. The Company is the only enterprise in the PRC railway industry that has its shares listed in Hong Kong and New York.

The Guangshen Railway, which is under the independent and autonomous operation by the Company, is 147 kilometres long and traverses the Pearl River Delta in Guangdong Province, a region of rapid economic growth. With its favourable location, the Guangshen Railway links up major rail networks of southern China, including the Beijing-Guangzhou, Beijing-Jiujiang, Sanshui-Maoming, Pinghu-Nantou, Pinghu-Yantian lines and the Kowloon-Canton Railway ("KCR") in Hong Kong. It is the only railway channel that leads to Hong Kong from Inland China and serves as an important component of transportation network of southern China.

The principal businesses of the Company are railway passenger and freight transportation between Guangzhou and Shenzhen and the Hong Kong through train passenger service under a cooperative arrangement with the KCR in Hong Kong. The Company provides consolidated services relating to railway facilities and technology. The Company also engages in commercial trading and other businesses that are consistent with the Company's overall business strategy.

The Guangshen Railway operated by the Company is the most modern railway in the PRC. It is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Several aspects of its technical performance have reached or are moving towards international standards. It is currently the only railway line in the PRC that allows high-speed passenger trains to run at a speed of up to 210 kilometres per hour.

In 2000, the Company further developed its High-Speed Programme. It operated in total 37 pairs, or round trips, of high-speed passenger train services per day. It completed the speed-raising project of its two high-speed tracks, which meet the technical requirements for trains to run at a speed of up to 210 kilometres per hour. The Company has purchased a Xin Shi Su high-speed electric train and 5 high-speed locomotives which the Company used to lease. In addition it leased eight domestic-made high-speed electric trains which have been named as "the Blue Arrow" Xin Shi Su that run at a speed of up to 210 kilometres per hour. These high-speed trains will be delivered to the Company for operation before the end of 2001. The first of these high-speed trains was put into operation on the Guangshen Railway on 28th December, 2000, which marks the inauguration of the Company's "As-frequent-as-buses" High-speed Passenger Service Project.

The Guangshen Railway is part of the PRC's trunk railway line and has close links with regional ports. Specifically, it connects with Huangpu Port, Xingang Port and Xinsha Port in Guangzhou, and with Yantian Port, Shekou Port, Chiwan Port and Mawan Port in Shenzhen. The Company is well-equipped with various freight facilities and can effectively satisfy customers' needs for transporting car-load cargo, less-than-car-load cargo, containers, bulk and overweight cargo, dangerous cargo, fresh and live cargo, and oversized cargo. The Company enjoys extensive competitive advantages in transporting freight for medium to long distances in the PRC.

The Guangshen Railway is one of the most profitable railways in the PRC, with revenues and profits per operating mileage from its passenger and freight transportation services ranking at a leading position in the railway industry in the PRC.

The Company's services cover regions including Guangzhou, Zhuhai, Zhongshan, Shunde, Zengcheng, Dongguan, Panyu, Shenzhen and Hong Kong. Its passenger and freight services have become an integral part of the economy of Guangdong and Hong Kong, and of the lives of the citizens in these areas. The Company believes that with the continued growth of the economies of Guangdong and Hong Kong and with the improved transportation environment, the Company will benefit from increasing growth in demand for rail transportation in those markets and have a more extensive development prospect.