

Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited is one of the largest petrochemical enterprises in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") based on 2003 sales. It is also one of the largest PRC producers of ethylene. Ethylene is one of the most important intermediate petrochemical products used in the production of synthetic fibres, resins and plastics. With the exception of petroleum products, the Company is a major competitor in every product market in which it participates.

Located at Jinshanwei in the southwest of Shanghai, the Company is a highly integrated petrochemical complex which processes crude oil into a broad range of synthetic fibres, resins and plastics, intermediate petrochemical products and petroleum products. The Company sells most of its products in the PRC domestic market and derives most of its revenues from customers in Eastern China, one of the fastest growing regions in the PRC.

The Company's rapid development is supported by the ever-increasing demand in the PRC for downstream petrochemical products. Relying on the competitive advantage from its vertical integration, the Company is optimizing its product mix, improving the quality and variety of its existing products, upgrading technology and increasing the capacity of its key upstream plants.

In July 1993, the Company became the first company incorporated under the laws of the PRC to make a global equity offering, and its shares were listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange") and the New York Stock Exchange.

Since the listing of its shares, the Company has made continuing efforts to improve and enhance its operation and management efficiency with an aim to become a world-class petrochemical corporation.