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Standard Chartered launches China Supply Chain Guide

New guide shares industry best practice

19 September 2006, Singapore – Standard Chartered today announced the launch of ‘*Standard Chartered – China: The Guide to Supply Chain Management and Logistics 2006/2007*,’ to promote best industry practices and share the Bank’s expertise in the China supply chain and logistics industry.

Standard Chartered has been in China since 1858 and currently has one of the largest foreign owned banking networks in the country. Globally, the Bank has trade customers in 39 countries with the majority of transactions being conducted cross border. With the introduction of supplier and buyer financing, supply chain deals in China have doubled from 2004 to 2005.

Karen Fawcett, Global Head of Transaction Banking, Standard Chartered Bank said:

“For all companies investing and working in China we envisage that the Guide will be an essential reference point and companion for doing business. This Guide is a great testimonial to our Trade expertise. We are a forerunner in Supply Chain Management, especially in a key market like China, where we have a strong history and presence.”

The Guide comprises 45 articles by banking supply chain financing and industry practitioners. It provides expert commentary, insight and analysis on key aspects of

supply chain management and logistics for all companies and investing in China. Covering a breadth of topics the Guide's articles include information on supply chain solutions, updates on the regulatory environment, logistics infrastructure, regional analysis, China markets, maps and case studies.

The Guide is co-sponsored by DHL, the China Supply Chain Council, Kerry Logistics and Infosys and has been published in English and Chinese.

As part of the Bank's global transaction banking solutions to Corporates and Institutions, Transaction Banking provides Cash Management, Securities Services and Trade Services through the Bank's network in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The business provides a full suite of transactional products and serves as a bridge to these markets for clients from the U.S, Latin America and Europe.

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Note to Editors:

Standard Chartered PLC is listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and is consistently ranked in the top 25 among FTSE-100 companies by market capitalisation.

Standard Chartered has a history of over 150 years in banking and is in many of the world's fastest-growing markets with an extensive global network of over 1,200 branches (including subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures) in over 50 countries in the Asia Pacific Region, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the United Kingdom and the Americas.

As one of the world's most international banks, Standard Chartered employs almost 50,000 people, representing over 90 nationalities, worldwide. This diversity lies at the heart of the Bank's values and supports the Bank's growth as the world increasingly becomes one market.

With strong organic growth supported by strategic alliances and acquisitions and driven by its strengths in the balance and diversity of its business, products,

geography and people, Standard Chartered is well positioned in the emerging trade corridors of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Standard Chartered uniquely derives over 90 per cent of profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Serving both Consumer and Wholesale Banking customers worldwide, the Bank combines deep local knowledge with global capability to offer a wide range of innovative products and services as well as award-winning solutions.

Trusted across its network for its standard of governance and corporate responsibility, Standard Chartered takes a long term view of the consequences of its actions to ensure that the Bank builds a sustainable business through social inclusion, environmental protection and good governance.

Standard Chartered is also committed to all its stakeholders by living its values in its approach towards managing its people, exceeding expectations of its customers, making a difference in communities and working with regulators.

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