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HD Bega milk for China

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Bega **Cheese** Ltd signed a supply and distribution agreement with one of **China**'s leading retail groups, Chongqing General Trading **Group**, last Friday for Bega to supply CGTG with Bega-branded UHT **milk** produced in Australia.

The agreement is expected to generate revenues of about \$100 million over five years and is seen as the basis for a broader commercial relationship in the future.

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The Chongqing municipality in the south-west is one of the fastest growing regions in China. It has a population of 32 million and GDP growth in 2013 of 12.3 per cent.

CGTG is the leading retail **group** in the region, with a 50 per cent retail market share across food and general merchandise.

Bega executive chairman Barry Irvin, chief executive officer Aidan Coleman and marketing manager Paul van Heerwaarden were in Chongqing for the signing.

"We see this as a first step in developing a comprehensive UHT offering in the future," Mr Coleman said.

Bega has had a presence in the **Chinese** market for more than 14 years: the Bega **brand** has been **sold** in **China** since 2000 and Bega **Cheese** through its wholly owned subsidiary Tatura **Milk** Industries has been a major Australian exporter of high value **milk** powder, infant formula and cream **cheese** to the **Chinese** market.

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