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Chinese conglomerate and property heavyweight China Poly Group Corporation has joined the stampede of developers rushing into Sydney's St Leonards South residential precinct when it snapped up another coveted development site for just under \$80 million.

The 7414-square-metre **site** between Berry and **Park** Roads in Sydney's lower north shore is an amalgamation of 19 houses **sold** in one-line.

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Marketed as "Pinnacle", the **site** has the potential for high-rise **residential apartment** buildings up to 14 levels with basement parking. Located 300 metres from St Leonards train station, the elevated **site** has uninterrupted harbour and city skyline views.

Agents CBRE, which marketed the site declined, to comment on it.

The powerful state-owned \$75 billion Poly **Group** is involved in many industries, including real **estate**. Its real **estate** businesses are publicly listed in Shanghai and **Hong Kong** and worth about \$20 billion to the **group**. It is one of the top five developers in **China**.

It has global businesses and has attracted controversy for its arms dealing and weapons manufacturing businesses through another subsidiary, Poly Technologies. The **group**, which is already in the Sydney housing market, acquired a development **site** in Epping in Sydney's north last year for about \$110 million, according to sources.

Poly joins **Chinese** developer Greenland as the other state-backed **group** making a big play at Australia's housing market. Greenland is building Sydney CBD's tallest tower, Greenland Centre, and has built the Primus **Hotel**.

Other **Chinese** developers in the St Leonards south area include a **Hong Kong** developer who paid \$66 million for nine houses on Holdsworth Avenue and Canberra Street and Zhengtang Investments which paid over \$60 million for ten houses this year.

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