

HD (AEBGA) Bega Cheese branded UHT milk for China

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Sydney - Friday - September 19 (RWE) - Bega Cheese Limited (ASX: BGA) today signed a supply and distribution agreement with one of China's leading retail groups, Chongqing General Trading Group (CGTG) whereby Bega will supply CGTG with Bega branded UHT milk produced in Australia for distribution in China.

The agreement is expected to generate revenues of approximately \$100 million dollars over five years.

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Bega and CGTG see this as the basis for a broader commercial relationship in the future.

The Chongqing municipality in Southwest China is one of the fastest growing regions in China.

It has a population of 32 million people and GDP growth in 2013 of 12.3%.

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

On hand in Chongqing from Bega for the formal singing were Barry Irvin - Executive Chairman, Aidan Coleman - CEO and Paul van Heerwaarden - General Manager Sales and Marketing.

Mr Coleman said that "the **company** is very pleased to form this partnership with CGTG and it is a strong endorsement of the reputation of the quality of Bega product and the bio security of Australia as a **dairy** producing nation.

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

Dr He, Chairman of CGTG, said his **company** was excited to partner with an iconic Australian **company** like Bega **Cheese**.

"China's consumption of milk and dairy products is increasing rapidly.

CGTG is delighted to work with Bega to satisfy that need".

The signing of the Chongqing agreement represents an expansion of Bega Cheese's products entering the Chinese market.

The **company** has had a presence in the **Chinese** market for over 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.

Executive Chairman Barry Irvin commented "we are very proud of our long term business relationships and we look forward to a long term relationship with CGTG.

We are confident our relationship will grow and that CGTG's many customers will be delighted with the excellent quality and range of Bega products they are able to purchase".

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