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FIRST ANNUAL CHINA SYMPOSIUM ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND
THE GROWING ROLE OF WOMEN IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Women Corporate Directors (WCD) The Leading Global Organization Of Women Board Directors, Partners With The Women's Professional Committee of The American Chamber Of Commerce To Hold A Day Long Seminar For Leading Chinese Women Executives

3 June, 2011 (Beijing-China) - A ground breaking gathering of some China's top women business leaders is being held today at the American Embassy, hosted by Women Corporate Directors [WCD] and by Women's Professional Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in the People's Republic of China (AmCham-China). The sold-out event will bring together both international and Chinese experts to discuss the key trends and emerging issues in board governance, as well the growing role of women in the board room.

Sponsors for the event include: Heidrick & Struggles, Walmart China, The Boston Consulting Group, and Argosy International. "We are honored to have these pre-eminent organizations as our partners," said Sarah Kemp, of WCD. "Not only are they businesses with a long track record of supporting and promoting women leaders within their own companies; they are also visionaries at championing diversity in both the workplace and the boardroom."

Distinguished speakers at the event include: William Zarit, Minister Counselor, U.S. Embassy; Liu Donghua, Founder and Deputy Executive Chairman of the China Entrepreneur Club; Barbara Colwell, , Vice-Chair of Planning, Woman Corporate Directors [international guest]; Feng Guo, Independent Director of China Construction Bank and Dean of Law Department at Central University Finance & Economics Law; Rita Jo Lewis, Special Representative, Global Intergovernmental Affairs [international guest] ; Xia Hua, Chairwoman of Eve Fashion Group; **Donna Hamlin, CEO of**

IntraBond Capital [international guest]; and Penny Peters, Vice Chair of Strategy, Woman Corporate Directors [international guest].

“We are honored to have such an impressive panel of experts leading the discussion at our symposium,” said Jing Xu, Partner at Heidrick & Struggles and Co Chair of the WCD. “The diverse perspectives they bring are certain to make this first annual event one that helps to move business and global business understanding forward for all participants.”

Said Nina Hsu, Partner at LTI and Co Chair of AmCham-China’s Women’s Professional Committee, “AmCham-China wants to thank both our sponsors and all of our speakers for being such strong advocates for women’s professional development and of educational forums such as this which help move women forward as leaders in the workplaces.

Barry Friedman, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Walmart China said “Walmart China is honored to sponsor WCD as women empowerment will be a most important strategy for Walmart, and that women empowerment is of significant importance for China as well.”

The Corporate Governance and Woman Directors in China Seminar is the first of its kind and is planned to be an annual event.

About Women Corporate Directors

WCD is the only global membership organization and community of women corporate directors serving on public and private boards. In this new era of responsibility, WCD is committed not just to good governance, but to governance with global vision. Members share information and insights in order to ensure best practices in corporate governance around the world. With over 1000 members on over 1,300 boards in 33 global chapters, WCD acts as a catalyst for thought leadership, networking and new relationships. For more on WCD, please visit www.womencorporatedirectors.com

About AmCham-China’s Women’s Professional Committee

The Women’s Professional Committee’s (WPC) objective is to foster and support the professional development of women in business using AmCham-China’s four pillars: information, advocacy, networking, and services. The Committee does this by implementing a program of events and activities throughout the year aimed at enhancing selected skill areas integral to success in the business world. It also provides a forum for members to share and learn from each other. The Committee is dedicated to developing and promoting strong women leaders and mentoring members to achieve their peak performance while doing business in China. For more information about WPC and event updates, please visit: <http://amchamchina.org/workingGroup/forum/66>

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