

**NWS Holdings Expands Water Treatment Business into Tianjin;
Expected to Generate Immediate Profit for the Group**

(29 April 2004, Hong Kong) NWS Holdings Limited (“NWS Holdings” or “the Group”; 0659.HK) has penetrated the water treatment market in Tianjin Tanggu district, through its involvement in a joint venture in which the Group has a 25% stake.

With a total investment of RMB470 million, the joint venture holds a 35-year water management concession to operate three water supply plants in Tanggu district. The facilities have a combined daily production capacity of 310,000 cubic metres to serve 850,000 residents of the area.

Mr K L Chan, Chief Executive Officer of NWS Holdings, explained the benefits of this project for the Group. “With this new investment, NWS Holdings has a total of 19 water projects across 15 cities in Mainland China. The commencement of this water management concession in the second half of 2004 will generate immediate profit and positive cash inflow for the Group. This project also highlights our strategy and ability to secure quality investments that will benefit our shareholders in the shortest possible time,” he said.

Mr Chan also sees this new project as part of NWS Holdings’ efforts to strengthen its foothold in Tianjin, one of the fastest growing coastal cities in Mainland China. “NWS Holdings already has a stake in Tangjin Expressway (Tianjin North Section) and CSX Orient (Tianjin) Container Terminals Co., Limited. The addition of this water project has created an integrated business portfolio for the Group in Tianjin, comprising toll road, port and water management, which will better position NWS Holdings to tap further investment opportunities there,” he said.

Tianjin Tanggu Sino French Water Supply Co. Ltd., a 50/50 joint venture between Sino French Water Development Co. Ltd. (“SFWD”) and Tianjin Tanggu City Construction Investment Co. Ltd., will own, operate and manage the facilities, as well as produce and distribute water throughout the district. SFWD is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sino-French Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited in which NWS Holdings has a 50% stake.

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