

## **NEW CANADIAN BUSINESS INITIATIVES IN CHINA**

### **Background<sup>1</sup> on Signing Ceremony in Beijing**

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#### **Advanced Material Resources Ltd., Toronto, Ontario**

Advanced Material Resources (AMR) has entered into a joint venture with the Mianning County Mining Company to produce industrial minerals, known as rare earth minerals, in Sichuan Province. AMR will own an 80 per cent interest in this joint venture. The joint venture will construct a rare earth processing plant with an annual capacity of 2,500 tonnes of rare earth products. As feedstock, it will purchase rare earth concentrate produced in Mianning County. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$8 million. AMR will have the exclusive right to buy all the joint venture's production for resale abroad.

#### **Agra Industries Ltd, Mississauga, Ontario**

AGRA Industries has signed an agreement with the Three Gorges Development Corporation to provide a project and information management system. AGRA will provide project management and technology transfer for the overall systems engineering, system layout, equipment installation, testing, system operation guidance and user training on the project. Currently defined work for the core project is worth approximately \$35 million.

AGRA Industries Limited has also formed a joint venture with a Chinese construction company and opened an office in Wuhan, China. The AGRA Construction Group has formed a joint venture with Bridge Machinery Works, a subsidiary of the Major Bridge Engineering Bureau in Wuhan, to pursue ground modification and foundation construction work in the region. The new company, AGRA China Construction Limited, will undertake foundation design, engineering and construction work and will focus specifically on subway and transit foundations, large building foundations, ports, docks, and bridge approaches and structures.

#### **AKD International, Toronto, Ontario**

AKD International, a division of Pang Holdings Ltd., has signed a \$140 million contract with China Ningbo ZhongQing Industry Group and Shanghai JinShan Group to develop a petroleum and gas pipeline mill in Shanghai. Phase I of the project, worth over \$38 million, will be completed by the end of 1995.

#### **Atomic Energy Of Canada Ltd, Mississauga, Ontario**

Atomic Energy of Canada (AECL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) to co-operate on the construction of two 700-megawatt CANDU 6 power plants. Canadian companies would provide between \$1400 and