

existing links established by the exporters in the past and includes a training component that offers direct, people-to-people exchanges. The equipment and software for the factory is clearly directed towards civilian domestic needs.

The transaction is financed under a line of credit between EDC and the Bank of China. EDC lends the funds to the Bank of China, which in turn lends them to Chinese end users.

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