

Thiessen Equipment Ltd., Langley, British Columbia

Thiessen Equipment has signed a memorandum of understanding with Anshan Iron and Steel Corporation of China to open a manufacturing and repair facility for surface mining and drilling products. This operation will expand Thiessen's involvement in China beyond its existing business in the Chinese coal and copper mining industry.

Vickers & Benson Companies Ltd., Toronto, Ontario

Vickers & Benson have signed a joint venture agreement with the state-owned China Central Television (CCTV) to co-produce a series of 26 "English as a Foreign Language" television programs directed to the people of China. CCTV is China's largest television network, with a potential of 800 million viewers.

Xenexi Group Investments Ltd., Montreal, Quebec

Xenexi Group Investment has signed sales and construction contracts with two major Chinese developers to supply Canadian-designed wood frame residential homes. The total contract value is \$17.6 million. The contracts cover the initial phases of two development projects, namely the Vancouver Garden (residential villas) and the Holiday Inn Hailing Island (beach resort). Xenexi will supply up to 80 percent of the building materials, such as lumber, roofing shingles, vinyl siding, doors and windows from Canada. The company also will send Canadian project managers, superintendents and construction workers to the construction sites to provide training and supervision.

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