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USTDA EXPANDS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA

*Presidents Barack Obama and Hu Jintao Welcome the Launch
of the U.S.-China Energy Cooperation Program*

BEIJING, CHINA (November 17, 2009) – Today, Acting Director Leocadia I. Zak joined Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke and Secretary of Energy Steven Chu in signing a memorandum of understanding to support the establishment of the U.S.-China Energy Cooperation Program (ECP) in the Great Hall of the People. Signing on behalf of the People’s Republic of China were Deputy Administrator of the National Energy Administration Liu Qi and Vice Minister of Commerce Ma Xiuhong.

Before meeting with President Hu Jintao, President Obama said that the United States believes a strong U.S.-China partnership and dialogue is important for the well-being and prosperity of the world.

“The United States and China can work on a whole range of global issues, including climate change, making sure that we have economic growth and prosperity, and ensuring that together we are bringing about a more peaceful world,” said President Barack Obama at the joint press conference.

The ECP will leverage private sector resources for clean energy project development in China in order to increase awareness of technology, product standards, regulatory processes, and services that can assist China develop its clean energy sector.

“The agreement signed today represents a tangible commitment to participate in the development and promotion of clean energy programs to mitigate the effects of climate change, spurring the continued growth of the green economy,” said Acting Director Zak at today’s signing.

Initially, USTDA will support a Clean Energy Exchange Program that will consist of three reverse trade missions to the United States for Chinese officials to meet with and visit U.S. clean energy production facilities. These visits will focus on the highest priority areas of clean energy commercial opportunities. They will consist of three 10-day visits with U.S. industry and U.S. government agencies responsible for the commercial, technological, and regulatory aspects of clean energy project development.

In addition, USTDA will support a Chinese Mayors Low-Carbon Leadership Program that will bring together leaders in China’s development with U.S. experts in green energy

and construction. Specifically, the visit will introduce select Chinese mayors to U.S. green building technologies and green city planning practices. The trip is expected to coincide with the U.S. GreenBuild Conference in November 2010 and include meetings with urban planners, regulators and municipal governments in U.S. cities recognized for green building leadership.

Following the signing of the U.S.-China ECP, Acting Director Zak and Chief Executive Officer Wang Jinping of the China Power Engineering Consulting Group Corporation signed a memorandum of understanding agreeing to support the development of integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) power stations in China. In support of this effort, USTDA intends to provide grant funding for an IGCC power station study that will establish the configuration and design parameters for the new facility in China. This effort is another demonstration of the Administration's commitment to promote clean energy, climate change cooperation and trade between the United States and China through deployment of new and innovative energy technologies.

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