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**CTC™ reinforces its presence in Asia
with the opening of its 4th site in Western China**

CTC™ is the leading global resource providing quality assurance solutions for the footwear and leather goods industries. With accredited laboratories and quality assurance inspection offices located strategically world-wide, CTC™ offers testing, inspection, audit and consultancy services meeting government, industry, regulatory and client-specified standards. CTC™ international team of experts brings cutting-edge experience and expertise in global quality assurance solutions.

CTC™ announces the opening of its new Chinese subsidiary company in Chengdu:

CTC™ Chengdu

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CTC™ Chengdu is located in Western China in Sichuan Province, the new "China Lady Shoe Centre". CTC™ Chengdu provides the full range of CTC™ services on footwear and leather goods:

- Pre-shipment, in-line and loading inspections;
- Factory and social audits;
- Physical, biomechanical and chemical testing on finished products and raw materials;

CTC™ Chengdu is dedicated to assisting its clients in improving quality by developing cost effective programmes and helping them reach their quality objectives.

CTC™ has broadened its scope for operation in China with this fourth agency after the launching of CTC™ Guangzhou in May 2005, CTC™ Shanghai in February 2005 and CTC™ Asia in Hong Kong in 1996.

**CTC™: the world's premier network of experts and consultants
for footwear and leather goods.**

About CTC™...

100 YEARS OF QUALITY

For over 100 years, CTC™ has been assisting manufacturers, distributors and retailers of footwear and leather goods as well as international professional organizations and academic institutions. CTC™ services are customizable for all clients from small companies and start-ups to global corporations. Our satisfied clients include: Adidas, Babolat, Carrefour, Cartier, Chanel, Decathlon, JM Weston, Lacoste, Lafuma, Longchamp, Louis Vuitton, New Balance, Palladium, Paraboot, Quicksilver, Salomon...

GLOBAL NETWORK

With 20 international subsidiaries located in France, Spain, Germany, Portugal, the United States, Tunisia, China, Hong Kong and Vietnam, inspection offices located throughout the world on four continents, and accredited laboratories located in strategic sourcing areas, CTC™ international team opens the world to its clients.

CTC™ has formed strategic alliances with STR® to encompass all remaining consumer goods products testing and inspection services. A unique partnership with BioMechanica® reinforces our research and testing services in the biomechanics field and innovation for sports shoes.

GLOBAL QA SOLUTIONS

CTC™ offers matrix of services to assure and quantify the quality of our clients' products:

- Testing: Physical, biomechanical and chemical testing of raw materials and finished goods, as well as CE Marking of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Inspections: Pre-production, in-line, pre-shipment and loading inspections.
- Audits: Factory capabilities, audits of QA systems and social compliance.
- Consultancy: Implementing quality systems, environmental and safety concerns, production manufacturing processes and business intelligence system.
- Professional Training: In-company and CTC™ European Campus located in Lyon.
- Research & Development: International standardization, footwear, leather, environment, scanning techniques, comfort and time to market, product development and innovation

**CTC™ delivers the foremost expertise setting new standards
for innovations and QA services in a global market place.**

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