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STRATEGIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CIOA AND THE CITY OF TANGSHAN (FENGNAN DISTRICT) IN CHINA

On the occasion of his recent visit to France, the Fengnan District Committee of the Chinese City of Tangshan (Hebei Province) and CIOA signed a framework agreement to strengthen economic and commercial cooperation between the district's companies and French-speaking companies.

This region of China is the national champion in these key industries: ceramics, iron and steel, construction materials, machine tools and construction equipment.

Within the framework of this agreement, CIOA will deploy a "Tangshan to France" Marketplace dedicated to commercial, investment and partnership opportunities offered by the economic operators of Hebei province to French-speaking companies.

On both sides, CIOA and the Fengnan District Committee will ensure the validation and securing of transactions, translation, facilitation and receptive services to the companies of each party.

"This is an example of public-private cooperation to open up new prospects for economic and commercial cooperation for both parties," said Mr Lionel LUCIDE, Managing Director of the CIOA Group.

Mr. Huo Qiang, Director of Investment of Fengnan District Committee, said. *"We look forward to working closely with the CIOA Group to promote economic and trade cooperation, strengthen innovation and investment, and explore new growth opportunities for Fengnan District and Tangshan City."*

ABOUT US

About Tangshan City (Fengnan District)

Tangshan is a city in Hebei province, located in the northeast of China, 2.5 hours from Beijing. With a population of over 7 million and a GDP of 100 billion yuan, it is one of the largest cities in the region. Tangshan is also known for being one of the largest steel production centres in China, as well as for its ceramic production.

About CIOA :

CIOA is a collaborative business engineering group listed on Euronext ACCESS (MLCIO). CIOA is developing a platform of shared resources to strengthen underperforming companies facing the changes in our society.

CIOA assists its clients in, among other things

- Doing business internationally,
- Integrating digital into business strategies,
- Industrialising production processes,
- Delivering low-carbon real estate projects.

Through its network of co-developers recruited on an international basis, CIOA provides its client companies with access to human, material and immaterial resources under one roof to increase their competitiveness and improve their resilience.