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## **ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Welcomes *Gaopeng & Partners* as the New Member Firm in China**

(June 16, 2009) – ALFA International, the global legal network, is pleased to announce that it has voted to admit **Gaopeng & Partners** ([www.gaopenglaw.com](http://www.gaopenglaw.com)) as the ALFA International member firm in China.

Founded in 1988, **Gaopeng & Partners** has its main office in Beijing and serves Chinese and international clients on all aspects of Chinese law and international business law. Through its associated offices in Shanghai and Shenzhen, it provides full commercial and litigation services in administrative tribunals and courts throughout China. The **Gaopeng & Partners** law firm consists of veteran legal professionals who have been educated in law schools either in China or in foreign countries, and have previous careers as a law professor, chief in-house counsel of an industrial giant, trade diplomat and as government officials. Their in-depth understanding of business and insightful knowledge into government policy-making, together with their legal expertise, provides detailed attention to quality service for clients around the world.

The legal practice of **Gaopeng & Partners** focuses on Corporate M&A, Securities, Real Estate, Intellectual Property Rights, International Trade Law and Dispute Settlement in arbitral tribunals and courts. Industries served by the firm include manufacturing, agriculture, distribution, banking, media, entertainment and sport, tobacco and infrastructure. The firm has advised extensively on and conducted anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguards cases, and has also worked on the application of the WTO Agreements

According to Richard Hetke, ALFA International's CEO, "It is essential to the success of any global business, and to the ALFA International legal network, to have a strong, full service business-focused law firm as our member in China.

China continues to expand its role within the global economy; businesses from every region of the world are participating in this growth. With this increased interest comes business and legal issues that are critical to our members and to our global clients. The **Gaopeng & Partners** law firm provides all of our members an important resource/member firm to answer the many requests for legal assistance across China.”

**Jun Wang (e-mail)**, the firm’s designated ALFA International Contact Partner stated, “We look forward to working closely with our fellow ALFA International member firms from around the world. Our focus is to provide clients with legal attention and good services as they pursue business opportunities across China and in partnership with Chinese organizations. The Chinese marketplace provides many opportunities for businesses from all regions of the globe and across all industry sectors. It is most important to be able to successfully navigate the Chinese legal environment to ensure success. That is the service we can and will provide the many ALFA clients. This is also true for our own Chinese based clients as they invest in foreign jurisdictions. It is of great value to be able to now connect them with highly qualified local ALFA member law firms.”

#### About ALFA International

ALFA International, the global legal network, ([www.alfainternational.com](http://www.alfainternational.com)) is an organization of independent law firms. ALFA’s membership is comprised of 133 international law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 48 non U.S. based firms) employing over 8,500 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, across Europe, Latin America, South America, and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International’s basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.

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