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ANNOUNCEMENT

EDUCATION OPERATIONS: PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Garratt's Limited announced that Academies Australasia Pty Limited has entered into a long-term, exclusive, agreement with Beijing Normal University Zhuhai to conduct a Diploma of Trade (People's Republic of China) course and a Certificate in Chinese Language course in Sydney.

Beijing Normal University is the earliest established teacher-training university in China. It was established in 1902. Over the last one hundred years, the faculty and students, motivated by a strong sense of responsibility for the nation and the people, have strived to live up to the motto of "studying to teach and acting to example". "Beijing Normal University Zhuhai ... (BNUZ)... is the only branch campus directly affiliated with its main campus in Beijing and approved by the Ministry of Education of China. It was founded under the guiding principle: 'State owned, institution administrated, market directed, totally new and innovative'. The campus will utilise its position to be a gateway of Beijing Normal University to the world." The BNUZ campus is located in Zhuhai in Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China.

The People's Republic of China is a very important trading partner to Australia. The diploma course is aimed at students, academics, businesspersons and government officers who wish to obtain a better understanding of the issues relevant to doing business in the People's Republic of China. The course shall be conducted in Chinese. The prerequisites to participating in the course are a Year 12 (or equivalent) qualification, and fluency in Chinese (or successful completion of the 12-week Certificate in Chinese Language course – which is aimed at persons who do not have the required knowledge of the Chinese language.).

The courses shall be part-time courses of about 20 hours a week. The curriculum and lecturers for both courses shall be provided by BNUZ.

Academies Australasia Pty Limited, which is owned by Garratt's Limited, in turn owns six colleges: Academy of English, Academy of Social Sciences, Australian College of Technology, Australian International High School, Clarendon Business College and Supreme Business College. The Diploma of Trade (People's Republic of China) and the Certificate in

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Chinese Language shall be offered by Supreme Business College in collaboration with BNUZ.

Mr. Li Jianmin, Consul & Head of the Education Office of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Sydney commended the project. He said:

“ Congratulations to the Academies Australasia Group. Beijing Normal University is a leading university in the People's Republic of China and an excellent partner for the exercise. The proposed Diploma of Trade (People's Republic of China) and the Certificate in Chinese Language courses will be excellent tools that will contribute to the further growth of the strong trading relationship between Australia and the People's Republic of China.”

The Academies Australasia Group of Colleges recently entered into 'Sister-School' arrangements with the following schools in the People's Republic of China:

- a. Lushuxiang Middle School in Danyang City, Jiangsu Province
- b. Tianjin PeiYing Foreign Language Experimental School in Tianjin
- c. Shanxi Experimental & Xinxing School in Mingli Yuci Jinzhong City, Shanxi Province

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