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**FORTUNE OIL PLC**

**TONGZHOU CNG STATION COMMISSIONED**

The Board of Fortune Oil PLC (the “Company”) is pleased to announce that its Fu Hua subsidiary has successfully commissioned the Compressed Natural (CNG) station at Tongzhou in Beijing. This CNG station is one of the largest in Beijing and will sell gas for use by households, businesses and buses in Beijing suburbs. However, the supply of natural gas in Beijing will remain constrained in 2005 until the Phase II Shaanxi-Beijing pipeline (to Tongzhou) is fully operational.

The Beijing City administration is working with local transport companies to reduce air pollution by increasing the use of natural gas powered vehicles. They have announced a plan to increase the number of gas-powered buses from the current 2,100 to 5,000 by 2008. The Board considers that the provision of natural gas for transport will in due course represent a significant point of consumption in Beijing and more generally in China.

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