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Inauguration of the Offices of Det Norske Veritas Shanghai, 10 November 1995

Throughout its 130 year of service for industry all around the world, Det norske Veritas has been associated with quality, security and first class technical expertise.

Today's inauguration of DNV's Principal Office here in Shanghai is one more step forward in the company's long record of outstanding achievements in China.

DNV is making contributions to the ongoing modernization of China's industry which are essential for China's industrial excellence, its quality, security and the overall environmental objectives of this great country.

The expanding activities of DNV is supporting the Chinese Government's own strategy of attracting foreign companies to invest and expand in China. Where DNV is paving the way, industry and shipping companies follow, in China as in the world at large.

DNV is about competence and knowledge. It's business is to save lives and assets by promoting state-of-the art technology. It thrives on the inquisitive nature of the human mind, always searching for new solutions.

DNV is working to get a stronger legal foundation for its presence in China. I have told the Chinese leadership that it aims at becoming a Fully Owned Foreign Entity. If so recognized it would expand its relations with Chinese partners and include more Chinese in its staff. DNV invests in the people who work with them in China, providing training and new opportunities for their Chinese partners.

During my visit, I have been pleased to announce that Norway will reopen its Consulate General in Shanghai soon. Today, it is an extra pleasure for me to announce that the Consulate General will be located in conjunction with the DNV's offices.

The presence of DNV will give Norway and Norwegian industry a profile in Shanghai which we are all proud of. While we await the formal inauguration of the Consulate General, I would like to ask the President of DNV to take proper care of the plate which one day next year can be placed on the door of our joint location.