

# **NEWS RELEASE**

# China Sunsine's 3Q2011 net profit posts RMB28.2 million

- Revenue up 16% to RMB310.6 million underpinned by record sales volume and higher average selling price ("ASP")
- Gross profit margin stood at 24.9% while net profit declined due to higher administrative costs and income tax expenses
- Sales volume in 3Q2011 recorded another new high at 15,847 tons
- 12,000-ton 4ADPA and 15,000-ton MBT production line due for trial production in Oct 2011

SINGAPORE – 8 November 2011 - China Sunsine Chemical Holdings Ltd. ("China Sunsine" or the "Group"), a specialty rubber chemicals producers and global leader in the production and supply of rubber accelerators, continued to deliver solid performance in the third quarter and the first nine months ended 30 September 2011 ("3Q2011, 9M2011").

RMB' million	Quarter Ended		Change	9 months Ended		Change
	30 Sept 11	30 Sept 10	Change	30 Sept 11	30 Sept 10	Change
Group Revenue	310.6	267.1	16%	879.6	718.1	22%
Gross Profit	77.3	65.3	18%	221.7	168.3	32%
Gross Profit Margin (GPM)	24.9%	24.4%	0.5 pts	25.2%	23.4%	1.8pts
Profit before tax	42.9	40.1	7%	119.4	107.5	11%
Net profit after tax	28.2	33.8	-17%	78.4	92.5	-15%
Sales Volume (tons)	15,847	14,585	9%	44,615	39,620	13%
EPS (RMB cents)	5.91	7.07	-16%	16.43 <sup>1</sup>	19.37	-15%
NAV per share (RMB cents) as of the period				155.91 <sup>2</sup>	144.89	8%

# **Financial Highlights**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equivalent to 3.32 SGD cents at exchange rate of 4.9425

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Equivalent to 31.54 SGD cents at exchange rate of 4.9425



The Group's 3Q2011 revenue rose 16% to RMB310.6 million compared to RMB267.1 million in 3Q2010 in line with the increase in both sales volume and ASP. During the quarter under review, sales volume further improved 9% to 15,847 tons hitting a new quarterly high record. ASP for all our products increased to RMB19,598 per ton from RMB18,313 per ton in 3Q2010. The higher ASP was due to sustained demand as well as increase in raw material prices. Consequently, the gross profit margin (GPM) for this quarter increased to 24.9% from 24.4% in 3Q2010.

However, 3Q2011 net profit declined 17% from RMB33.8 million in 3Q2010 to RMB28.2 million. This was mainly due to a 28% increase in administrative expenses as well as higher income tax expense. The increased administrative expenses consisted of a newly collected City Construction and Education tax of RMB3.0 million, additional depreciation expenses of RMB0.5 million on new office and R&D buildings, and expenses due to the commencement of operations at Facility 3. The higher income tax expense was because of the restoration of the China subsidiary's income tax rate to 25% from 12.5% on 1 January 2011.

	Sales V (To	Volume ons)	Sales (RMB' million)		
	3Q2011	3Q2010	3Q2011	3Q2010	
Accelerators	12,944	12,211	274.2	237.9	
Insoluble sulphur	2,115	1,331	24.1	15.3	
Anti-oxidant	450	935	6.0	11.4	
Others	338	108	6.3	2.5	
Total	15,847	14,585	310.6	267.1	
Local Sales	10,090	9,269	156.7	157.6	
International sales	5,757	5,316	153.9	109.5	

## Analysis of Sales and Volume

Sales volume across all categories increased except for anti-oxidant TMQ, which volume decreased to 450 tons from 935 tons in 3Q2011.



Despite the continued European sovereign debt crisis and uncertain recovery in the US economy, the Group's export sales still delivered healthy volume, from 5,316 tons in the previous corresponding period to 5,757 tons in this quarter, supported by strong sales to Japan. As for domestic sales, the sales volume increased from 9,269 tons a year ago to 10,090 tons in the quarter under review even though the PRC car sales in 2011 is expected to slow down due to the various measures implemented by the Chinese government.

Mr Xu Cheng Qiu (徐承秋), Executive Chairman, says, "Despite the anticipated reduction in GDP growth rate in 2011 and the projected slowdown in auto sales in China as stated above, the Group remains positive on the outlook for its domestic market given its strong financial position and portfolio of quality products. The export markets, however, will remain challenging given the continued European sovereign debt crisis and the weak US economic recovery."

During the nine months under review, the Group's revenue climbed 22% to RMB879.6 million compared to RMB718.1 million in 9M2010. Gross profit margin maintained at a satisfactory level of 25.2%. Net profit declined 15% to RMB78.4 million from RMB92.5 million in 9M2010 due to the impairment of the fixed assets in Facility 1 and higher administrative and tax expenses.

Based on its latest 9M2011 results, the Group's earnings per share was RMB16.43 cents. The Group's financial position remains strong. Its total cash and liquid notes amounted to RMB159.8 million with net assets per share of RMB155.91 cents as at 30 September 2011.



# **Expansion Plan Update**

During the quarter, the Group completed the construction of the production plant for 4ADPA, which is 6PPD's intermediary material, and commenced trial production of 4ADPA in October. Besides the existing 15,000-ton MBT capacity in Facility 3, another 15,000-ton MBT production equipment was relocated from Facility 1 to Facility 3 in this quarter. This plant had commenced production in October as well, taking the total capacity to 30,000 tons.

The Group expects to continue its profitability for FY2011.

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## About China Sunsine Chemical Holdings Ltd.

Listed on SGX-ST on 5 July 2007, China Sunsine Chemical Holdings Ltd. ("China Sunsine") is a leading specialty chemical producer selling accelerators, anti-oxidant, vulcanising agent and antiscorching agent. It is the largest producer of rubber accelerators in PRC and one of the largest in the world serving all the global top 10 tire manufacturers - Bridgestone, Michelin, Goodyear, Continental, Pirelli, Sumitomo, Yokohama, Hankook, Cooper, Kumho Tire as well as PRC Tire giants such as Hangzhou Zhongce, GITI Tire and Shanghai Double Coin Tyre. China Sunsine distributes its products under its own "Sunsine" brand, a brand which has been accredited as a "Shandong Province Famous Brand".

As a chemical producer serving its global customers, China Sunsine continuously improves its manufacturing capability, and has achieved ISO9001:2000 standard for quality, ISO14001:2004 standard for environment, and GB/T28001-2001 standard for occupational health and safety management system.

It is a component stock of the FTSE-ST China Index. Its SGX ticker code is "ChinaSsine", Bloomberg ticker code is "CSSC SP".

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