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SICOM partners Sino Rubber to launch Rubber Clearing Service

Singapore, China - 4 February 2010 – Singapore Commodity Exchange (SICOM), a company of Singapore Exchange (SGX), signed an agreement with China's Sino Rubber Electronic Trading Market Co., Ltd (Sino Rubber) to collaborate on the launch of an Over-the-Counter (OTC) Rubber Forward Clearing Service with final settlement by physical delivery in China.

China has become one of the largest importers and users of rubber with its economic growth. The introduction of an OTC clearing facility for rubber forwards will complement the physical rubber trade in Asia and contribute to better mitigation of counterparty and settlement risks.

Under the agreement, Sino Rubber will facilitate the delivery of the OTC rubber forwards that are cleared in SICOM.

Mr Jeremy Ang, Chief Executive Officer of SICOM said, "This clearing service will provide participants with a larger pool of counterparties and facilitate trading with multiple counterparties under a single contract. The partnership with Sino Rubber, China's largest market for natural rubber trading, will anchor SICOM as the pricing benchmark for physical rubber."

Mr Li Ming Quan, Chairman of Sino Rubber Trading Market Co., Ltd said, "China and Singapore has a long standing relationship. With Asia, particularly China, becoming more prominent in the international arena, this collaboration with SICOM will further support our strategic goal of extending our market to international players. "

The SICOM OTC Rubber Forward Clearing Service is expected to launch by the second quarter of 2010.

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About SICOM

SICOM, a company of Singapore Exchange (SGX), is Singapore's regulated marketplace for the trading of commodity futures and the world's price discovery centre for natural rubber. The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) is the regulatory authority of SICOM.

SICOM lists Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS) 3 and Technically Specified Rubber (TSR) 20 rubber futures contracts. SICOM TSR20 is the only active TSR20 rubber contract in the world.

About SGX

Singapore Exchange (SGX) was inaugurated on 1 December 1999, following the merger of two established and well-respected financial institutions - the Stock Exchange of Singapore (SES) and the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (SIMEX). SGX is Asia-Pacific's first demutualised and integrated securities and derivatives exchange and is listed on its own bourse. The exchange's stock is a component of benchmark indices such as the MSCI Singapore's Free Index and the Straits Times Index (STI).

SGX aims to offer a highly trusted, comprehensive and efficient securities and derivatives marketplace for raising capital, risk transfer, trading, clearing and settlement. SGX facilitates the trading and clearing of commodity futures such as crude palm oil and rubber and over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives such as forward freight agreements and oil swaps. Through strategic alliances and partnerships with other exchanges around the world, SGX is firmly positioned as an Asian Gateway.

For more information, please visit SGX website: www.sgx.com

About Sino Rubber

Sino Rubber is the largest professional market for natural rubber trading in China. Since 2001, the company has focused on building an efficient trading platform for the physical rubber market. With the support from China's Hainan State Farms, Yunnan State Farms and Guangdong State Farms, the company has seen its trading volume grown in recent years to 70% of the country's natural rubber production. Apart from offering online trading of natural rubber and other agricultural commodities, Sino Rubber also provide services to facilitate the physical delivery of traded products within China.