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# XINGDA 2009 PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY REACHED RMB548 MILLION

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## **BOLSTERED BY STRONG GROWTH OF THE PRC ECONOMY**

### **Financial Highlights:**

(RMB Million)	2009	2008	Changes
Revenue	3,864	3,489	+10.7%
Gross profit	1,182	921	+28.3%
Gross profit margin	30.6%	26.4%	+4.2%pts
Profit attributable to owners of the company	548	418	+31.1%
Basic earnings per share (RMB cents)	39.50	30.17	+30.9%
Diluted earnings per share (RMB cents)	39.36	25.39	+55.0%
Proposed final dividend per share (HK cents)	10	8	+25.0%

(Hong Kong, 8 April 2010) – Xingda International Holdings Limited ("Xingda" or "the Group") (Stock Code: 01899.HK), a global leading manufacturer of radial tire cords, today announced its annual results for the year ended 31 December 2009.

During the year, the Group's revenue increased 11% to RMB3,864 million while gross profit increased 28% year-on-year to RMB1,182 million. Profit attributable to owners of the company rose 31% to RMB548 million. The Board of Directors of the company proposed to distribute a final dividend of HK10 cents per share (2008: HK8 cents per share).

Mr Liu Jinlan, Chairman of Xingda, said, "Taking advantage of the strong growth of the PRC economy and the government economic stimulus package, we were able to tap the booming market and achieved encouraging results in 2009. Meanwhile, overseas orders have been increasing amid the gradual recovering global automobile market and we stepped up efforts to expand into the overseas markets. In addition, the Group disposed shares of Aeolus Tyre Co., Ltd during the year and further enhanced its financial position and cashflow. We will continue to seize investment opportunities in order to maximize returns for our shareholders."

During the year, the Group's total sales volume increased 21% to 304,900 tonnes. Sales volume of radial tire cords grew by 22% to 261,100 tonnes, accounting for 85.6% of the total sales volume (2008: 84.5%), and the sales volume of bead wires also rose by 12% to 43,800 tonnes and accounted for 14.4% of the total sales volume (2008:15.5%).

Higher margin radial tire cords for trucks remained as the Group's major revenue contributor. Sales volume of the product type increased by 19% to 215,500 tonnes, whereas sales volume of radial tire cords for passenger cars amounted to 45,600 tonnes, up by 44%. Sales volumes of two product types accounted for 82.5% and 17.5% of the Group's total sales volume of radial tire cords respectively (2008: 85.2% and 14.8%).

During the year, recovery of domestic freight and passenger car traffic boosted tire consumption and correspondingly domestic radial tire cords consumption. Domestic sales volume of radial tire cords therefore increased by 18% to 244,400 tonnes, accounting for 93.6% of total volume of radial tire cords sold (2008: 97.5%). At the same time, orders from overseas customers, especially those in the United States and European countries increased, leading to a marked 215% increase in overseas sales volume of radial tire cords to 16,700 tonnes, accounting for 6.4% of the Group's total sales volume (2008: 2.5%).

To capture the opportunities brought by the strong market demand from both domestic and overseas market, the Group expanded its production capacity of radial tire cords by 22% to 345,000 tonnes. In addition, the Group commenced the construction of a new factory with a design capacity of 150,000 to 180,000 tonnes. This expansion plan will be carried out in several phases adding a capacity of about 50,000 per year and total capacity for radial tire cord will exceed 500,000 in 2012.

During the year, Jiangsu Xingda Steel Tyre Cord Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Xingda, was accredited as a High-tech Enterprise which enabled the Group to enjoy a preferential income tax rate in the next two years. In future, Xingda will continue to invest in research and development to facilitate offering of greater varieties of high quality products. The Group will also expand horizontally in other wire applications for higher margin. With good control on the selling price of its products trusted by customers, the Group is able to resist profit erosion brought by raw material fluctuation, and is confident of sustaining a stable profit margin and strong growth momentum.

Mr. Liu said, "The thriving economy activities in the country as well as the continued expansion of the national highway system, have bolstered the revival of radial tire cord demand in 2009 of which the momentum remained strong even in the traditional slack season in January 2010. With the stimulus policies continue in 2010, Xingda will benefit from the development brought about and stands well in this market environment."

"Looking ahead, China will remain the core focus of Xingda and at the same time, the Group will accelerate its expansion into overseas markets by developing strategic relations with various global tire manufacturers. With the global automobile market rebounding and an increasing number of international tire giants turning to China for radial tire cords at lower costs, fast penetration into the overseas market is foreseeable and the Group believes its share of revenue contribution from overseas markets will grow in future. To fortify its global foothold, the Group will seek to capture every opportunity that can allow it to expand presence in the global radial tire cord industry." Mr Liu concluded.

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#### **About Xingda International Holdings Limited**

The Group is primarily engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of backbone material of radial tire including radial tire cords that support the tire wall and bead wires that connect the tire to the wheel-rim. Boasting unique production technologies, strong R&D capabilities and stringent quality control, Xingda has established solid foothold in China and is one of the largest manufacturers of radial tire cords in China. The Group's customers include the China's top 10 radial tire manufacturers and the global renowned tire manufacturer. Xingda's headquarters and production base are located in Jiangsu Province of China with total gross floor area of around 567,000 sq. m.

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