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MEDIA RELEASE

Techcomp and PRC Government collaborate to set China National Standard GB/T20188 for Wheat Flour Manufacturers

- ***China National Standard GB/T20188 requires wheat manufacturers and inspection bureaus to detect the presence of bromate (cancer-causing additive) in wheat flour using Ion Chromatography***
- ***Techcomp is the cheaper of the two brands on the China National Standard list***
- ***Sales for Ion Chromatograph is expected to increase gradually as PRC Government enforces the China National Standard***

Singapore – 30 October 2007 – SGX Main board-listed **Techcomp** Holdings Ltd (“Techcomp”, “天美控股” or the “Group”), China’s leading distributor and manufacturer for proprietary high-technology testing equipment, has been invited to be onboard the official drafting committee of the China National Standard GB/T20188, which details the procedures of using an Ion Chromatograph to test the amount of Potassium Bromate found in wheat flour.

Techcomp is the only listed company invited by the PRC government to participate in drafting of China National Standard GB/T20188.

China is expected to produce 550 million tones of grain by 2010¹, and there is a serious need to ensure the quality standard of the exported and imported grain and wheat flour. Over the past months, the PRC government has increased its efforts to ensure that Potassium Bromate is not found in wheat flour. Potassium Bromate is often added to wheat flour as an additive (oxidizing agent) that strengthens dough and allows it to rise better. However the World Health Organization (“WHO”) in 1993, has recommended that Potassium Bromate no longer be used in flour due to health concerns that it is a potential carcinogen.

¹ Source: White Book of China's Grain Issues, released by the State Council.

“Techcomp is one of the two Ion Chromatograph manufacturers mentioned in the China Standard and we offer a significant price advantage to the other brand. We believe the price advantage and our know-how of the Chinese market will stand us in good stead with the wheat manufacturers and inspection bureaus. seek to comply with the National Standard.

I expect our Ion Chromatograph sales to increase gradually over the coming years, as the PRC Government exerts pressure on manufacturers and bureaus to comply with the China National Standard.

Mr. Richard Lo Yat Keung (“劳逸强”)
President and CEO of Techcomp

The China National Standard requires all wheat flour manufacturers to test for the presence of Potassium Bromate on the flour using an Ion Chromatograph. In addition, there are currently more than 2,000 state and local Inspection Bureaus in China, who will be expected to equip themselves with the necessary testing equipment to perform the analysis as well².

Ion Chromatograph

An Ion Chromatograph is a testing-equipment that enables the user to identify specific chemicals in a sample by separating the ions and the polar molecules based on its charge properties.

The use of an Ion Chromatograph came about in 1996, when the amount of Potassium Bromate allowed in China-made food was capped to 30 mg/kg. However, the other methods of testing could not detect Potassium Bromate with that kind of accuracy. The Ion Chromatograph can detect Potassium Bromate up to 0.5 µg/L and does not require a large amount of the sample to run the test accurately.



Techcomp's Ion Chromatograph

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² Source: <http://times.busytrade.com/details.php?tid=407&cid=1>

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Backed by a strong research team, **Techcomp (Holdings) Limited** (“**Techcomp**”) is a Hong Kong based company led by a strong team of Hong Kong professionals. Techcomp is China’s leading manufacturer of highly advanced scientific instruments, with cutting edge technological patents in analytical instruments, life-sciences equipment and laboratory instruments. The **Techcomp** brand of analytical instruments is used in laboratories of diverse industries, ranging from materials analysis and testing, to pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medicine, food and beverage, and to forensics. **Techcomp** has a strong R&D track record and is an original design and original equipment manufacturer for the worlds leading brands of analytical instruments used in research and test applications. **Techcomp’s** strong distribution network for a wide range of the world’s leading brands of highly advanced analytical equipment is predominantly in China.

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