



ChinaCast Education Corporation Announces Agreement to Acquire Third Accredited Private University in China for \$66.2 Million

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-- The acquisition is expected to generate \$15.9 million in revenue and have approximately 9,929 on-campus university students enrolled for the 2009-2010 academic year

ChinaCast Education ("ChinaCast" or the "Company") (Nasdaq:CAST), a leading for-profit, post-secondary education and e-Learning services provider in China, today announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to purchase a 100% interest in the holding company of a private, accredited university in China in cash and/or shares for \$66.2 million, which is based on a multiple of the university's 2009 academic year adjusted net income. The acquisition, which represents the Company's third university transaction, is expected to close within 90 days, subject to US GAAP audited financials and other customary closing conditions. The name of the university will be kept confidential for competitive reasons until the effective closing date.

This school was founded in 2003 and established by private investors as an independent, accredited college affiliated with a state-owned university. For the current 2009 academic year which started on September 1, 2009, the college had 9,929 students enrolled on-campus with expected revenues of approximately \$15.9 million. The staff includes 511 full-time and part-time teachers and offers fully accredited bachelor degree and diploma courses in industrial engineering design, computer engineering, management, economics, language studies and law. The school has a campus area encompassing 47 acres and over 2.2 million square feet of building floor space.

"We have been working diligently to further expand our curriculum offerings and geographic footprint and to create value for ChinaCast shareholders," said Ron Chan, ChinaCast Education Corporation Chairman and CEO. "Once we close this transaction, we will be providing post-secondary education and e-Learning services to over 30,000 on-campus and 141,000 online university students, which we believe positions us well to further capitalize on the continued growth of China's higher education market, which is now the world's largest."

About ChinaCast Education Corporation

Established in 1999, ChinaCast Education Corporation is a leading for-profit, post-secondary education and e-Learning services provider in China. The Company provides post-secondary degree and diploma programs through its two universities in China: The Foreign Trade and Business College of Chongqing Normal University and the Lijiang College of Guangxi Normal University. These universities offer fully accredited, career-oriented bachelor's degree and diploma programs in business, economics, law, IT/computer engineering, hospitality and tourism management, advertising, language studies, art and music. The Company provides its e-Learning services to post-secondary institutions, K-12 schools, government agencies and corporate enterprises via its nationwide satellite/fiber broadband network. These services include interactive distance learning applications, multimedia education content delivery, English language training and vocational training courses. The Company is listed on NASDAQ Global Select Market with the ticker symbol CAST.

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