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LEHMAN, LEE & XU FIGHTS FOR CHINESE MILK VICTIMS

Beijing, China – December 12, 2008 –To date, lawyers from Lehman, Lee & Xu’s litigation practice group including Hao Junbo, John Lee and Sherry Guo have spoken with more than a hundred and fifty parents whose children fell ill from consuming tainted milk products. One mother from Shanghai told lawyers that her son, who drank Sanlu milk powder, is now seriously unwell as a result, sending her whole family into a panic.

Lehman, Lee & Xu has closely monitored the milk contamination scandal. Attorney Hao Junbo, one of the first Chinese lawyers to be included in the “Who’s Who” directory for his continued struggle for Chinese consumer rights, said that this high-profile case may become the largest collective legal action in Chinese history.

As soon as the scale of the milk scandal emerged, lawyers from Lehman, Lee & Xu began to discuss the case with a number of well-known US-based law firms specializing in consumer rights in order to get justice for the victims. In particular, attorneys Robert Lieff of Lieff Global LLP, Lexi Hazam of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP and Michael Hausfeld of Hausfeld LLP, have spoken with Lehman, Lee & Xu and offered their help in seeking just compensation for the injured.

Lawsuits have already been filed against scandal-hit milk powder manufacturers, although none have yet been accepted. Furthermore, damage awards in Chinese mass tort cases tend to be low by American or European standards, and plaintiffs may well not be made whole.

Edward Lehman, the managing director of Lehman Lee & Xu, said, “If victims can’t get the compensation they deserve in China, we may bring legal action in the United States. Many of those coming to speak to us have claimed that Shengyuan milk powder made their children sick.” Shengyuan Group, a Chinese-owned company, is registered in the U.S. state of Delaware, potentially bringing it within reach of courts in the United States.

Lehman, Lee & Xu is a prominent Chinese corporate law firm and trademark and patent agency with offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Macau, and Mongolia. The firm has been recognized as one of the top trademark firms in China by several intellectual property magazines and is

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