

China Stock Expert, Jim Trippon Says Tragic Chinese Earthquake Won't Disrupt Economy, Creates Buying Opportunities

(Houston, May 14, 2008) **The editor of America's number one China stock newsletter expressed deep sympathy today for the thousands of victims of the Chinese earthquake while noting that the disaster had created buying opportunities for investors. "Above all, my thoughts are with the Chinese people who have suffered another great natural disaster," said *China Stock Digest* editor Jim Trippon from his main office in Houston.**

If there is any good news to be found in this calamity, it is that the widespread effects of the quake will not derail the Chinese economy, Trippon commented. "Right now the Chinese people need powerful economic, industrial and social forces to kick into high gear to assist in the relief and reconstruction effort. Fortunately we are hearing that the necessary infrastructure is intact and available to help with the recovery."

"We believe the freak blizzard, which swept China last January, had a greater economic impact," Trippon noted. "Although many small roads in the mountainous Sichuan region have been damaged, the nation's transportation infrastructure including highways and major railways remains largely undamaged and the army is moving in quickly to open communications with isolated regions."

Several foreign companies have been forced to suspend operations in the affected region including Intel, which runs a chip plant in Chengdu. However the entire province produces less than 4 percent of the nation's GDP. "Because there is so little manufacturing activity in this rugged part of China, we don't

foresee major economic impact other than a potential stimulus to inflation as China's industrial engine ramps up for the rebuilding effort," Trippon explained.

Already, a number of companies which will help rebuild Sichuan's shattered buildings, roads and its power grid have risen dramatically on the Shanghai stock market. "Companies which make cement, building materials, steel and copper will be very busy for the foreseeable future," Trippon predicted. "We are currently making new buy recommendations for the *China Stock Digest*," he added.

"We do not wish to seem insensitive to the tragedy being faced by so many Chinese people," Trippon said. "However the earthquake disaster has created enormous demand for raw materials and machinery to assist in rebuilding and we wish to invest in that effort."

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