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CHINA TEAM by LE DEFI  
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## CHINA TEAM, 11<sup>th</sup> Official Challenger for the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup

Société Nautique de Genève, the Yacht Club holding the America's Cup Trophy, officially accepted today CHINA TEAM as the 11<sup>th</sup> challenger for the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup.

The announcement was made in Beijing, China. **Chaoyong Wang**, CHINA TEAM head of syndicate, and **Pierre Mas**, director of CHINA TEAM, held a press conference this morning, in the presence of the following personalities:

**Faqlang ZHANG**, Chairman, Chinese Sailing Association and General Sports Administration Deputy director.  
**Dalin CUI**, Assistant to the Director of the General Sports Administration.  
**DI WEI**, Director, Water Sports Authority of the General Sports Administration.  
**Quanhai LI**, Chinese Sailing Association General Secretary.  
**Lijie SUN**, General Secretary, Beijing Olympic Games Sailing Committee  
**Dongchu WANG**, Chairman, Qingdao International Yacht Club  
**John KRISTICK**, Executive Director, Infront sports & media

### Chaoyong Wang, Head of Syndicate

*«We are extremely proud to announce our participation to the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup. For the first time in its history, China will take part in this prestigious international competition. It is a great honour for us.*

*With LE DEFI experience, we are going to put a new team together. This collaboration represents a great opportunity for us a strong symbol of cooperation between our nations.*

*Thanks to the support of the Chinese Yachting Association, CHINA TEAM will bring a great number of young Chinese talents to the highest international level, in-shore as well as offshore.*

### Pierre Mas, co-director of CHINA TEAM

*Detecting people with high potential in sports and technics, transferring knowledge, training and working hard will be the keys of a future success of China Team in the America's Cup. We are professional sailor, but sailing is also mater of passion and enthusiasm, and in addition to participate in the next America's Cup, sharing this passion and contributing to develop our sport in a country like China is a great honour.*

Founded in March 2005 with the creation of a joint venture between Mr. Chaoyong Wang, Chairman of China Equity Investment, a leading Chinese venture capital firm, and the French sports management company LE DEFI, CHINA TEAM by LE DEFI is the first syndicate to fly the Chinese flag in the history of the America's Cup. It represents the Qingdao International Yacht Club.

The syndicate will use the know-how developed by LE DEFI with the support of the Union Nationale pour la Course au Large (UNCL) during the two previous America's Cup editions.

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