



LEMNA INTERNATIONAL CEO REPRESENTS U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS SECTOR ON TRIP WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RONALD BROWN

St. Paul, Minnesota, USA - Viet Ngo, President and CEO of Lemna International Inc. of St. Paul, recently returned from an extensive trip which included a visit to the People's Republic of China with Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown. Mr. Ngo was one of four business executives invited to accompany Secretary Brown for the signing of a memorandum of understanding recognizing the formation of the U.S. - China Business Development Committee (BDC). The BDC was set up to establish a dialogue between U.S. and Chinese private enterprise sectors on ways to enhance commercial cooperation. The four CEOs were drawn from the major infrastructure sectors, with Viet Ngo representing U.S. environmental businesses.

Mr. Ngo met with senior Chinese officials, including Vice Premiers Zou Jiahua and Li Lanqing and Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Madame Wu Yi and other senior members of the Planning and Environmental Ministries. In addition to discussing the role of the BDC in improving U.S.-China trade and investment, the participants discussed infrastructure projects in China. "This visit lays an important foundation for opening the Chinese infrastructure market to American environmental firms," said Mr. Ngo. "Given the enormous need and appetite for U.S. technologies and services, this market represents billions of dollars of opportunities for U.S. companies."

On their return to the U.S., Secretary Brown thanked the business leaders for promoting the U.S. commercial and economic agenda. "Your participation in the U.S.-China Business Development Committee (BDC) launched a public/private partnership that can help successfully expand our commercial engagement with China," said Secretary Brown. "I look forward to our next meeting where we can work together with the Chinese private sector in a spirit of international cooperation." The Secretary of Commerce added that he hoped the individual discussions and relationships formed with their Chinese counterparts would flourish and yield beneficial returns.