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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

# YAMADA EXPANDS SHIITAKE MUSHROOM CULTIVATION BASES BY SECURING SINGLE LARGEST BLOCK OF CULTIVATION LAND TO DATE

- Newly leased mushroom cultivation bases of 1678 mu\* represents single largest block of cultivation land leased to date and is expected to be ready in time for next harvest season between September 2011 and April 2012
- Total shiitake mushroom cultivation bases to increase significantly by 64.2% from 2614 mu to 4292 mu
- Expects positive contribution to Group earnings in 2011 and 2012
- Target to further expand cultivation bases in 2011 and 2012
- Gross profit margin for self-cultivated shiitake mushrooms is highest within the Group and expected to have positive impact to Group profit margin as revenue contribution increases

# **Mushroom Cultivation Bases Expansion Plans**

	2008	2009	2010	April 2011
Additional mushroom cultivation bases leased (approximates)	1669 mu	544 mu	401 mu	1678 mu
Cumulative cultivation bases (approximates)	1669 mu	2213 mu	2614 mu	4292 mu
% increase in cumulative cultivation bases	n/a	+32.6%	+18.1%	+64.2%

Singapore, 18 April 2011 – SGX Mainboard-listed Yamada Green Resources Limited 山田绿色资源有限公司("Yamada" and together with its subsidiaries "the Group"), a major supplier of self-cultivated shiitake mushrooms as well as a manufacturer and distributor of processed food products in Fujian Province, People's Republic of China ("PRC"), is pleased to announce that the Group has entered into agreements with 6 parties representing Villagers Committee of Zhangping City, Fujian Province, PRC to lease shiitake mushroom cultivation bases measuring approximately 1,678 mu\*. The lease agreements are for a period of 17 years and the Group is entitled to use each plot of the cultivation bases between 25 September and 25 April each year starting from 25 September 2011.

Upon signing of the agreements, Yamada's total shiitake mushroom cultivations bases are expected to increase significantly by 64.2% from approximately 2614 mu to 4292 mu.

Mr Chen Qiuhai (陈秋海), Yamada's Executive Chairman and CEO, commented, "We are delighted to finally secure the first major plot of cultivation land this year. In fact, the newly leased mushroom cultivation bases of approximately 1678 mu will be the single largest block of cultivation land leased by the Group to date. The expansion of our mushroom cultivation bases by 64.2% so far will be significantly higher than the growth of 32.6% and 18.1% respectively over the past 2 years."

Mr. Chen added, "Our initial plan to expand the mushroom cultivation bases by 2500 mu by the first quarter of 2011 was delayed due to longer time required to finalize the agreements with various Villagers Committee in view of higher land costs. The good news is that the slight delay is not expected to impact our growth prospects in 2011 and 2012 because the new cultivation land being acquired will only be put to use during the next harvest season from September 2011 to April 2012 onwards. As such, this latest investment is expected to contribute positively to our earnings in 2011 and 2012."

The total investment, including the construction costs of infrastructure at shiitake mushroom cultivation bases, first year annual rental payment and rental prepayments for approximately 13 years, amounts to approximately RMB24.0 million (equivalent to approximately SGD4.6 million\*\*) which will be funded from the net proceeds from the IPO.

Presently, gross profit margin for self-cultivated shiitake mushrooms remains the highest within the Group. As the Group expands its mushroom cultivation bases,

revenue contribution from self cultivated shiitake mushroom is expected to increase. This may lead to a positive impact on the Group's profit margin.

Looking ahead, the Group will continue to explore viable locations and plans to expand its cultivation bases further in 2011 and 2012 when suitable opportunities arise.

\*1 mu is equivalent to approximately 667 square metres

\*\*Based on the exchange rate of RMB5.2493: SGD1.00

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### **About Yamada Green Resources Limited**

Yamada is a major supplier of shiitake mushrooms, operating one of the largest shiitake mushrooms cultivation bases of approximately 4292 mu in Fujian Province, PRC. Yamada possesses potential upstream resource sustainability with its eucalyptus plantations of approximately 30,000 mu, which can be harvested from 2012 onwards. The sawdust from the eucalyptus trees are the raw material for the synthetic logs used in the cultivation of shiitake mushrooms.

Yamada's products include self-cultivated shiitake mushrooms, which are mainly sold as fresh produce to wholesalers of agricultural food products in PRC and processed food products such as mushrooms and vegetable and convenience food products (mainly konjac-based). Its processed food products are sold in major cities in PRC such as Shanghai, Xiamen, Shenzhen and Guangzhou under its trademarked brands such as "旺成食品", "研食坊" and "懒人厨房". Yamada also exports its processed food products to mainly Japan under its customers' own brands.

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