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## **Vietnam Tourism Conference**

Donaco International Limited ("**Donaco**" or "**the Company**") is pleased to announce that its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Joey Lim, was a keynote speaker at a major conference on investment and tourism development in the Lao Cai area of Vietnam, held on the weekend of 7-8 May 2016. Lao Cai is the location of Donaco's flagship property, the Aristo International Hotel.

Mr Lim welcomed the new Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam, Mr Trịnh Đình Dũng, at the conference.



One major area of focus at the conference was the proposal for a new international airport in Lao Cai, which is expected to commence operations by 2020. The Lao Cai airport is designed to become a 4C standard airport for both civil and military use, and will be able to receive A320, A321, and equivalent aircraft. Once completed, the airport will have an annual capacity of 560,000 passengers and 600 tonnes of freight.

The airport will be able to handle flights to all domestic airports, as well as certain international airports, including Indonesia (Jakarta), Singapore, Malaysia, China (Kunming), and Laos (Vientiane).



In the future, Lao Cai airport will also encompass a specialised terminal on a 10,000 square metre space. By 2030, its capacity will increase to 1.58 million passengers and 2,880 tonnes of freight per year.

Mr Lim stated "The proposal to build an airport in Lao Cai would have a very positive impact on the Aristo International Hotel. It will assist in the ongoing development of the local area into a hub for tourism and logistics.

"The expressway from Noi Bai airport in Hanoi to Lao Cai has already improved tourist access to the Aristo immensely. Having a direct flight to Lao Cai would be a big saving in terms of time. So visitors will stay longer and will spend more money."

Donaco owns and operates the Aristo International Hotel located in Lao Cai City. The venue has 400 guest rooms, currently operates 40 gaming tables and 58 gaming machines, and is located approximately 34 kilometres from the proposed new airport development.

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## ABOUT DONACO INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (ASX: DNA)

Donaco International Limited operates leisure and entertainment businesses across the Asia Pacific region.

Our major business is the Star Vegas Resort and Club, a successful casino and hotel complex in Poipet, Cambodia, on the border with Thailand. Star Vegas was established in 1999, and is the largest and highest quality of the Poipet casino hotels. The property has more than 100 gaming tables, more than 1400 slot machines, and 385 hotel rooms.

Our flagship business is the Aristo International Hotel, a successful boutique casino in northern Vietnam, located on the border with Yunnan Province, China. Established in 2002, the property has recently been expanded to a brand new five star resort complex with 400 hotel rooms. Donaco is a pioneer casino operator in Vietnam, and owns a 95% interest in the business, in a joint venture with the Government of Vietnam.

To learn more about Donaco visit www.donacointernational.com