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**Conservation International***UTC's Ongoing Partnership in China to Save Forestlands*

Building on its original \$200,000 commitment to support Conservation International (CI) in restoring forests in Southwest China, UTC expanded its grant in 2007 to \$500,000. The grant will enable CI to restore more than 120 hectares, or roughly 300 acres, of degraded lands inside one of the world's biodiversity "hotspots" for imperiled species. It is one of 34 places that have been identified as encompassing 75 percent of the planet's most threatened mammals, birds and amphibians.

UTC's contribution to CI's Forest Restoration for Climate, Community and Biodiversity (FCCB) initiative is expected to offset 20,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, a leading contributor to global warming, during the next 30 years. Restoration of the degraded land using native trees also helps protect the nearby Ma An Shan Nature Reserve in southern Sichuan province, China, which is home to many critically endangered species, including the giant panda and elusive clouded leopard.

"CI's on the ground work and progress toward restoring this critically important forest relies on support from forward thinking companies like UTC," said Lu Zhi, Ph.D., Director, CI-Shan Shui Center for Nature and Society, CI's China affiliate. "We are so pleased that UTC places such a premium on this project and continues to support such a worthy investment."

Again in 2008, UTC expanded the partnership with Conservation International in China. Through our relationship with CI, we are supporting reforestation of land in Xiaozhaizigou Nature Reserve in Beichuan Country. This preserve was severely damaged by the 2008 earthquake.

The mountains of Southwest China comprise a wide variety of ecosystems that face an uncertain future in the face of potential natural disasters such as flooding and landslides due to loss of natural habitat. The CI reforestation initiative there will bring multiple benefits, including soil and water conservation and providing a viable habitat for endangered species.

CI works to protect some of the Earth's most precious regions of plant and animal diversity, operating in more than 40 countries on four continents.

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