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## Company aims to make Victorville the 'gateway to China'

### Cooperative would house 50 Chinese companies at SCLA

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VICTORVILLE • If a Beverly Hills-based company has its way, Victorville may well become the "Gateway to China."

Yasheng ECO-Trade Corporation has been working for more than a year on plans to develop a massive logistics center near Southern California Logistics Airport, according to documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

As planned, the "Yasheng Asia Pacific Cooperative Zone" would initially house operations for some 50 Chinese companies, SEC documents state, creating a centralized location to finish production on goods imported through the Long Beach and Los Angeles ports and then market, sell and distribute those products.

The company was looking to develop its trade zone from the ground up starting in 2009, on 80 acres owned by Yasheng Group roughly 15 minutes north of SCLA. But a deal between Yasheng ECO-Trade and Yasheng Group was later terminated.

Then in August Yasheng ECO-Trade signed a 45-day exclusive agreement to explore leasing a 1 million-square-foot warehouse at SCLA with an option to buy the space, SEC documents state. That deal has since fallen through as well, according to reports, with the company looking to start by leasing a smaller space and building its operations from there this year.

The City of Victorville is not involved in the project at all, spokeswoman Yvonne Hester confirmed.

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