CHINA METAL INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INCORPORATED: WATCH THIS COMPANY FOR BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS

No doubt, as soon as American foundry workers wake up from their slumbers, they will start bitching to the US Government over the fact that more and more of the business of the production of metal castings is being snatched up by companies, similar to theirs, but being based in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and owned and controlled by Chinese nationals.

In the same way that the PRC, proper, today is the world's tailor shop, displacing US garment and textile workers, on a daily basis, so will this nation of more than 1.30 billion people be able to take over the design, development and production of metal castings.

Metal castings are used in the production of motor-vehicle parts and their components, air-conditioning, compressor casings, casings for mechanical parts, etc, etc, etc.

In the 2004 Annual Report of China Metal International Holdings Incorporated (Code: 319, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd), it is stated, at Page 47, that the business of supplying castings to the US had grown by about 568 percent, during the Financial Year, ended December 31, 2004, compared with the 2003 Financial Year.

The following geographical segmental study of this Company's revenue for the past 2 Financial Years is reproduced from Page 47 of the 2004 Annual Report:

	Financial Year, Ended December 31		
	2004	2003	
	All Figures Are Denominated In \$US'000		
The People's Republic of China	55,506	35,907	
The United States of America	21,399	3,203	
Japan	8,308	4,098	
Others	3,546	2,514	
TOTAL	88,759	45,722	

While the above table indicates, conclusively, that the Company's business has expanded on all fronts, no single country's business expanded greater than that of the US, during the 2004 Financial Year.

In terms of the category of revenue recognised, it is noted that 'Automobile parts and components' was the category of revenue, which made the biggest inroads, and, presumably, it was the US market to where these goods were sent on completion of the production process in the PRC, proper.

The following table is lifted from Page 39 of the 2004 Annual Report of this Company:

Sales	Financial Year, Ended December 31	
	2004	2003
	All Figures Are Denominated In \$US'000	
Compressor Parts	43,004	24,593
Automobile Parts and Components	17,120	5,553
Mechanical Parts	28,635	15,576
TOTAL	88,759	45,722

In its first Annual Report since going public on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, China Metal International presented its shareholders with a financial result, which surpassed the initial estimates, contained in the Placing and Public Offer Prospectus, dated December 20, 2004.

On a Turnover of about \$US88,759,000, the Company turned in a Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of about \$US17,849,000.

That result ... <u>CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE</u>

While TARGET makes every attempt to ensure accuracy of all data published, TARGET cannot be held responsible for any errors and/or omissions.

If readers feel that they would like to voice their opinions about that which they have read in TARGET, please feel free to e-mail your views to <u>editor@targetnewspapers.com</u> or <u>targnews@hkstar.com</u>. TARGET does not guarantee to publish readers' views, but reserves the right so to do subject to the laws of libel.

Site Meter