## ORIENT POWER HOLDINGS LTD: SINGAPORE MANUFACTURER CLAIMS MORE THAN \$HK34 MILLION

If the allegations, uttered in a recently filed legal Action, lodged in the High Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), are anywhere near the mark, the claims against a wholly owned subsidiary of publicly listed Orient Power Holdings Ltd (Code: 615, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) could just about wipe out the entire Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of the parent company for the entire 2004 Financial Year.

STMicroelectronics Asia Pacific Pte Ltd is the Plaintiff in High Court Action Number 1425, in which Orient Power Video Manufacturing Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Orient Power Holdings Ltd, is the lone Defendant.

It is the allegation of the Plaintiff that, between February 24, 2005, and May 4, 2005, it sold and delivered to the Defendant, electronic microprocessors, electronic integrated circuits and electronic chips.

The value of Plaintiff's 73 deliveries, which are itemised in the Statement of Claim, attached to the Writ of Summons, is said to be \$US4,381,606.40 (about \$HK34.18 million).

On July 1, 2005, it is alleged that Orient Power Video Manufacturing Ltd made a partial payment to STMicroelectronics Asia in the amount of \$US300,000 (about \$HK2.34 million), leaving an unpaid balance of \$US4,081,606.40 (about \$HK31.84 million).

Paragraph 8 of the Statement of Claim alleges:

'Despite repeated requests and demands, the Defendant has failed and/or refused to pay the said sum of US\$4,081,606.40 and the same is still due and owing by the Defendant to the Plaintiff.'

STMicroelectronics Asia, an electronics manufacturer, domiciled in The Republic of Singapore, is seeking not only that which it is claiming, but also interest on that sum of money and Costs of the Action.

The fortunes of Orient Power Holdings Ltd, over the past 5 Financial Years, have been waning, to be sure, with the Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders for the 2004-Year, ended December 31, 2004, being the lowest since the 2000-Year, at about \$HK37.36 million.

That result was achieved on a Turnover of about \$HK4.13 billion.

The Net Profit Margin for the 2004-Year, therefore, had fallen to about 0.90 percent.

In the 2003-Year, on a Turnover of about \$HK4.62 billion, Orient Power recorded a Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of about \$HK90.17 million.

The Net Profit Margin of the company for the 2003-Year, therefore, was about 1.95 percent, which was about 241 percentile points greater than that which was achieved in the 2004-Year.

Comparing the 2 Financial Years, therefore:

Turnover Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders Down \$HK488.58 million (10.57 percent) Down \$HK52.82 million (58.57 percent) Orient Power Holdings Ltd and companies, under its corporate umbrella, are engaged in the manufacture and sales of home entertainment products and what it describes as In-Car Electronics. Its ... <u>CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE</u>

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