MAGICIAN INDUSTRIES (HOLDINGS) LTD: IS THIS A JUGGLING ACT OF THE CHAIRMAN ?

For the third time in the past 7 months, a 40-percent-owned associated company of publicly listed <u>Magician</u> <u>Industries (Holdings) Ltd</u> (Code: 526, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) has been sued in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

In each of the claims, 2 of which were lodged in the District Court and one claim, having been filed in The Small Claims Tribunal, the sums of money were not particularly large.

But, to **TARGET**'s way of thinking, there are some striking anomalies in respect of certain aspects of this associated company, anomalies which cannot help but make one wonder what is up and what is down.

Or, put another way: Who is juggling whose balls in the air?

The associated company is Techable Industrial Ltd, which was sued last Friday in the HKSAR District Court for \$HK214,186 by Mainho Industrial Ltd, trading as Lee Tat Metal.

The Statement of Claim, attached to District Court Action Number 4169, alleges that Techable Industrial is indebted to Mainho Industrial, but the alleged debt has only been outstanding since June, this year, with the Invoice, having been dated June 29, 2005.

Which appears to suggest that Mainho Industrial does not trust its customer very much and, as such, it is not giving Techable Industrial even 90 days' credit in order to settle its bills with its supplier.

At Paragraph 4 of the Statement of Claim, it is stated that a solicitor's letter was sent to Techable Industrial on August 3, 2005, giving the company just 7 days to pay up or 'the Plaintiff will institute legal proceedings against the Defendant for the recovery of the said sum together with interest and costs without any further notice.'

When Techable Industrial failed to come up with the money, true to its word, Mainho Industrial filed its Claim in the District Court.

The Registered Office of Techable Industrial, according to the database of **TOLFIN** (The Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit Checking Provider), is the same address as the Principal Place of Business in the HKSAR of Magician Industries, to wit:

Superluck Industrial Centre, Flat H, 24th Floor, Number 57, Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.

The latest, confirmed information with regard to Techable Industrial is that it has a Registered Issued and Fully Paid-Up Share Capital of \$HK914,477, divided into 914,477, \$HK1 shares.

The Shareholders are:

Diyon Development Ltd (大潤發展有限公司) 365,791 Shares

Ms Ma Chun (馬珍)	233,191 Shares
Mr Mok Wai Leung (莫偉良)	233,191 Shares
Mr Mok Chi Keung (莫志強)	<u>82,304 Shares</u>
	TOTAL: 914.477 SHARES

In respect of Diyon Development Ltd, this is a 66.66-percent-owned subsidiary of Magician Industries, via a wholly owned subsidiary: Magician Investments (BVI) Ltd.

The remaining 33.33 percent of the Issued and Fully Paid-Up Share Capital of Diyon Development is, legally, the property of Mr Kong Yick Ming (江益明).

Mr Kong Yick Ming is the current Chairman of Magician Industries and is the son of the Founder, Kong Chi Ching.

It is highly unusual for a 40-percent-owned associated company of what was, until recently, the fairly respectable, publicly listed company of Magician Industries to allow a relatively insignificant, associated company to make use of its Principal Place of Business, and to register that address as being the Registered Office of the associated company to boot.

One cannot help but wonder whether or not there is more to this associated company than that which has been filed in the HKSAR Government's records.

Also, TARGET notes that Mr Kong Yick Ming is ... CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE

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