## NEW FOCUS AUTO TECH HOLDINGS LTD: CORPORATE LANDLORD DEMANDS ITS RENT MONEY

Since going public in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on February 17, 2005, New Focus Auto Tech Holdings Ltd () (Code: 360, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) has collected a total of 4 District Court Writs in the HKSAR.

And all of the Writs were issued by Hang Lung Real Estate Agency Ltd () and all of the claims were for the alleged non-payment of rent at New Focus Auto's HKSAR Principal Place of Business, to wit:

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The last Writ, issued by Hang Lung Real Estate Agency, was filed on December 29, 2005, and was for the sum of just \$HK10,971, being just one month's rent, allegedly due and owing.

The other 3 Writs were issued on July 12, 2005 (\$HK21,942), October 26, 2005 (\$HK10,971) and November 25, 2005 (\$HK10,971).

Since there appears to be no question that this company is solvent (at least, on paper), the only logical reason that **TARGET** () can ascribe to the piling up of legal claims against the company is that Management of this manufacturer of electronic and power-related automotive parts in the PRC, proper, is sadly lacking.

In **TARGET** Intelligence Report, Volume VII, Number 207, published on November 2, 2005, this medium analysed, among other things, the Interim Report of this company for the period, ended June 30, 2005.

It was clear to **TARGET** that, in terms of its core business, the company's fortunes were on the wane.

What TARGET discovered, briefly, was that:

- 1. The company's Profit Margins had fallen, markedly;
- 2. The Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders for the 6 months, ended June 30, 2005, were boosted by a one-off gain (a PRC Government tax refund) of about 1.70 million renminbi (\$HK1.63 million), without which the 2005 Interim Bottom Line would have been lower than that of the comparable period in 2004; and,
- 3. The Company had placed 20 million renminbi (about \$HK19.23 million) with a PRC finance company, giving that company a free rein in respect of this material sum of money at a cost of New Focus Auto of 0.50 percent per annum on the principal sum.

For the past 54 months, New Focus Auto has recorded steady profits, aggregating 175.62 million renminbi (about \$HK168.87 million).

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