THE MING AN (HOLDINGS) COMPANY LTD: WILL CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LTD LOOK TO SELL ITS STAKE?

How The Great Man Earned \$HK1.05 Billion

It is said that the first \$HK1 million is the most difficult to earn.

After booking the first \$HK1 million, things get considerably easier.

The sum of \$HK1 million grows, in time, to be a \$HK1 billion, and, then, many billions of dollars in the fullness of time.

Unless one gets to be too greedy, of course, in which case, one could lose the whole bundle.

Mr Li Ka Shing (), the Chairman of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd (()) (Code: One, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) has just proved the above adage by earning for his anchor company, \$HK1,047,978,800 in the course of just 5 months.

According to **TARGET**'s rough calculations, Cheung Kong has, thus far, earned not less than that sum of money by its cash investment in The Ming An (Holdings) Company Ltd [()] (Code: 1389, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd).

The following is copied from Page 78 of the Global Offering Prospectus of The Ming An (Holdings) Company, issued on December 11, 2006, and indicates how the world's richest man saw a golden opportunity before The Ming An (Holdings) Company announced, officially, its intention to go public in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC):

'CHEUNG KONG S&P AGREEMENT

'Pursuant to the Cheung Kong S&P Agreement, Cheung Kong agreed to purchase from China Insurance HK (China Insurance Hongkong (Holdings) Company Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of China Insurance (Holdings) Company Ltd) approximately 29% of the issued ordinary shares of Ming An Hong Kong (The Ming An Insurance Company (Hongkong) Ltd [], a wholly owned subsidiary of The Ming An (Holdings), *amounting to an aggregate of* 3.294.400 shares for HK\$607,096,289. The transactions contemplated by the Cheung Kong S&P Agreement closed on 7 September 2006 and the consideration involved was fully paid on the same date. There is no price adjustment for the consideration under the Cheung Kong S&P Agreement. As a result of the subsequent Reorganisation, Cheung Kong, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Marvel Bonus (Marvel Bonus International Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cheung Kong), was allotted and issued with 638,000,000 new Shares, representing approximately 29% of our Pre-Global Offering Share Capital. Based on the consideration of HK\$607,096,289 paid by Cheung Kong for 3,294,400 ordinary shares of Ming An Hong Kong and the 638,000,000 new Shares issued and allotted to Marvel Bonus as a result of the Reorganisation, the notional purchase cost per Share would be HK\$0.95, which represents a discount of 39.87% to the Offer Price of HK\$1.58, being the mid-point of the price range set out in this prospectus.'

In fact, the Offer Price of the shares of The Ming An (Holdings) Company was set at \$HK1.88 on December 20, 2006, so that Cheung Kong, actually, purchased its 21-percent, equity interest in this insurance company at a discount of about 93 cents to the Offer Price.

The share price of The Ming An (Holdings) Company, today, is about \$HK2.67 so that, on the basis of today's share price, Cheung Kong, notionally, is looking at a profit on its investment of about 181 percent.

In cold, hard cash, that works out to be a profit of about \$HK1,047,978,800.

And that, Dear Subscribers, is one of the reasons that Mr Li Ka Shing is the richest man in the world: He knows when to buy.

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