## CHINA RESOURCES CEMENT HOLDINGS LTD: AT ATTEMPT TO <u>CEMENT THE COMPANY AS A BLUE CHIP</u>

There are 2 unrelated aspects with regard to the flotation of China Resources Cement Holdings Ltd () (Code: 1313, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) that become only too obvious as soon as **TARGET** () scanned the Global Offering Prospectus of the Company.

These unrelated aspects were:

- 1. The relatively huge debt burden of the Company; and,
- 2. The seeming propensity of Management to attract litigation, that which is published in the Global Offering Prospectus and that which is not published in the Global Offering Prospectus.

Of the above, 2-mentioned matters, the debt burden, by far, may be considered the more worrying matter.

Page 186 of the Global Offering Prospectus gives the Statement of Indebtedness, which **TARGET** hereby cites:

				As at
		<u>As at December 31</u>		<u>June 30</u>
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank loans repayable:				
Within one year	1,806,439	1,185,634	2,810,763	3,897,886
After one year but within two years	. 535,233	327,459	818,558	1,761,642
After two years but within three years	241,461	411,770	576,706	1,882,368
After three years but within four years	201,563	79,418	236,646	911,116
After four years but within five years	. <u> </u>	=	<u>54,902</u>	<u>255,861</u>
	2,887,865	2,004,281	4,497,575	8,708,873
Less: Amount due within one year				
included in current liabilities	<u>(1,806,439)</u>	<u>(1,185,634)</u>	<u>(2,810,763)</u>	<u>(3,897,886)</u>
Amount due after one year	<u>1,081,426</u>	<u>818,647</u>	<u>1,686,812</u>	<u>4,810,987</u>
Secured	180,000	160,000	_	1,146,170
Unsecured	<u>2,707,865</u>	<u>1,844,281</u>	<u>4,497,575</u>	<u>7,562,703</u>
	<u>2,887,865</u>	<u>2,004,281</u>	<u>4,497,575</u>	<u>8,708,873</u>

One does not require a doctorate in mathematics to realise that, between December 31, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the debts of this Company rose about 94 percent – from \$HK4,497,575,000 to \$HK8,708,873,000.

For a corporate entity to incur an additional debt burden of about \$HK4.21 billion in a period of just 6 months must cause one to ponder the reason for the relatively large requirement of additional funds.

This must be especially true for prospective new investors when a company pitches an Initial Public

Offering (IPO).

Before passing on to the matter of litigation, the Turnover of China Resources Cement Holdings Ltd for the Financial Year, ended December 31, 2008, was \$HK5,781,278,000.

Therefore, the debt burden of this Company, as at June 30, 2009, was equivalent to about 151 percent of the Turnover for the entire 2008 Financial Year.

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