

## **Intelligence Report**

VOLUME XXVI No. 184

SATURDAY

August 24, 2024

## NAGACORP LTD: IN TIMES OF HOSTILITIES, IT IS RARELY THE BEST PLACES TO INVEST ONE'S MONEY

At the foot of Page 25 of the 2023 Annual Report of NagaCorp Ltd (金界控股有限公司) (Code 3918, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd), under the heading, '*Update on the Investment Project in Vladivostok*,' The Russian Federation, one was informed of the following:

'As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 3 March 2022, the Company has suspended its performance under the investment agreement in respect of the Group's gaming and resort project in Vladivostok (the "**Project**") due to force majeure event. Hence, the development of the Project has been suspended indefinitely until the circumstance is clearer.'

Then, at Page 233 of the 2023 Annual Report of NagaCorp Ltd, under Note 37 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, one learns, under the heading, '*EFFECT OF RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR*,' the following paragraph appears to make things very clear with regard to The Russian Federation:

'As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 3 March 2022, the Company has suspended the development of the Project due to various uncertainties arising from the Russia-Ukraine war. Since then, no additional construction contract regarding the Project has been entered into by the Group. During the Year and up to the date of this report, the development of the Project is put on hold until the circumstance is clearer.'

While the Russia-Ukraine War had been the root cause for the immediate cessation of the Vladivostok Project, NagaCorp Ltd, also, had other material problems that were spelled out in two announcements, to wit:

On Thursday, May 16, 2024

**CHANGE IN SENIOR MANAGEMENT** 

"The board of directors (the "Board") of NagaCorp Ltd. (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") periodically reviews the composition of and the delegated function and work tasks to the senior management of the Group from time to time, in order to streamline the internal corporate governance and management structure to efficiently and effectively continue the Group's business operations and adhere to the business strategies laid down by the Board. The Board announces that Mr. Chen Cherchi (曾子齊) ("Cherchi") will no longer serve as Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Treasury of the Company with effect from 16 May 2024.

'In addition, with effect from 16 May 2024, Cherchi will no longer hold any position with the Company or its subsidiaries. As a result, following the termination of his employment, Cherchi will also cease to be a director of NagaGroup Global Limited and NagaCap Limited from 16 May 2024, both of which are incorporated in Cayman Islands and are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company.

'To the best knowledge of the Company, apart from possible disagreement over the termination of his employment by the Board, Cherchi has no other disagreement with the Board, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company. The Company would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to Cherchi for his contributions to the Company during his tenure.

'The Company is of the view that the termination of Cherchi's employment will not have any material impact on the operations of the Group. The Company will continue the Group's business operations by adhering to the business strategies laid down by the Board. The senior management will work as a team to lead and manage the Group to bring the Group to the next level of success.

'Save as disclosed above, in connection with the above change in senior management of the Company, there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of shareholders of the Company or The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or matters which would require disclosure under Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.'

'By Order of the Board NagaCorp Ltd. Lam Yi Lin Company Secretary'

## On Sunday, June 2, 2024

'VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT 'UPDATES ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER 'This announcement is made by NagaCorp Ltd. (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") on a voluntary basis. The purpose of this announcement is to inform the shareholders and potential investors of the Company of the latest developments of the Group.

'References are made to the announcements of the Company dated 17 October 2023 and 12 December 2023, respectively (collectively the "Announcements"). Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements.

'As disclosed in the Announcements, the Company (as borrower) entered into the Loan Agreement with the Lender (as lender) on 17 October 2023, pursuant to which the Lender agreed to provide a loan of up to US\$80 million to the Company for the sole purpose of refinancing and/or discharging part of the outstanding 2024 Notes upon their maturity.

'The Board ... <u>click to order full article</u>

While TARGET makes every attempt to ensure accuracy of all data published, TARGET cannot be held responsible for any errors and/or omissions.

If readers feel that they would like to voice their opinions about that which they have read in **TARGET**, please feel free to e-mail your views to <a href="mailto:editor@targetnewspapers.com">editor@targetnewspapers.com</a>. **TARGET** does not guarantee to publish readers' views, but reserves the right so to do subject to the laws of libel.