



LUEN CHEONG TAI INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

聯昌泰國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The board of directors wishes to state that the Company is in negotiation with an independent third party for a proposed disposal by the Company of 100% interest in Finestyle Investments (Suriname) N.V., a company incorporated in Suriname. This company to be disposed of is the beneficial owner of a forest concession located in the Forest Belt at Brownsweg, Suriname.

The Company have, for some time, been looking for a suitable partner for the joint development of the said forest concession.

On 23rd April, 2002, the Chairman of the board of directors of the Company left Hong Kong for Beijing, PRC for a meeting to discuss about the supply of round logs produced by the forest concession owned by Finestyle Investments (Suriname) N.V. to some interested parties and was introduced to the intending purchaser. A dialogue was then carried out and negotiations were entered into between both parties in relation to the sale and purchase of the entire share capital of Finestyle Investments (Suriname) N.V.

Following the negotiations on 23rd April, 2002 after trading hour between the parties, the intending purchaser agreed to come to Hong Kong to conclude the negotiations and to sign the agreement relating to the said sale and purchase transaction.

As can be seen in the sequence of events leading to the proposed disposal, the actual negotiation was only entered into after trading hour on 23rd April, 2002 so that at the time of issuing the paragraph 39.2 statements by the Company on 22nd April, 2002 and 23rd April, 2002, the Company had no price sensitive information to disclose in relation to the said proposal.

The proposed disposal may be a notifiable transaction. The final terms and conditions including the amount of the consideration required are subject to finalization. Further announcement, as required under the Listing Rules will be made by the Company in case of any significant development as and when appropriate.

Owing to a mistake made by the Company in taking the proposed disposal as a major transaction instead of a notifiable transaction, at the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange was suspended at 9:30 a.m. on 24th April, 2002 pending the issue of this Announcement, the Company has applied to the Stock Exchange for the shares of the Company to resume its trading with effect at 9:30 a.m. on 30th April 2002.

The board of directors (the "Board") wishes to state that Luen Cheong Tai International Holdings Limited (the "Company") has entered into negotiations on 23rd April, 2002 with an independent third party with which the Directors or senior management or substantial shareholders or management shareholders of the Company do not have any relationship for a proposed disposal (the "Disposal") by the Company of 100% interests in a Suriname incorporated company, Finestyle Investments (Suriname) N.V. ("Finestyle") in Suriname. Finestyle is a wholly-owned major subsidiary of the Company and is the beneficial owner of a forest concession located in the Forest Belt at Brownsweg, Suriname, which represents 44.03% of the total Net Asset Value of the Company based on the interim account of the year 2000. Finestyle is principally engaged in the exploitation of the forest, the processing of wood, the trade in export/import and transport of wood-products in the Forest Belt at Brownsweg, Suriname. The amount of the consideration required for the Disposal has yet to be finalized.

The Company have, for some time, been looking for a suitable partner for the joint development of the said forest concession.

On 23rd April, 2002, the Chairman of the board of directors of the Company left Hong Kong for Beijing, PRC for a meeting to discuss about the supply of round logs produced by the forest concession owned by Finestyle Investments (Suriname) N.V. to some interested parties and was introduced to the intending purchaser. A dialogue was then carried out and negotiations were entered into between both parties in relation to the sale and purchase of the entire share capital of Finestyle Investments (Suriname) N.V.

A preliminary agreement for the sale and purchase of the entire share capital of Finestyle was verbally reached on 23rd April, 2002 after trading hour between the parties and the intending purchaser agreed to come to Hong Kong to conclude the negotiations and to sign the agreement relating to the said sale and purchase transaction.

As can be seen in the sequence of events leading to the proposed disposal, the actual negotiation was only entered into after trading hour on 23rd April, 2002 so that at the time of issuing the paragraph 39.2 statements by the Company on 22nd April, 2002 and 23rd April, 2002, the Company had no price sensitive information to disclose in relation to the said proposal.

The Company is mainly engaged in construction and building works principally in Hong Kong.

The Disposal may be a notifiable transaction, and its final terms and conditions are subject to further negotiations. Further announcement, as required under the Listing Rules, will be made by the Company in case of any significant development as and when appropriate.

It is expected that the Disposal will improve the cash-flow position of the Company. According to the management accounts as at 31st May, 2001, the contribution to turnover of the Company by Finestyle was about 1.69% as the forest concession was just acquired in about August 2000. After the Disposal, the remaining net tangible assets amount to about HK\$247,890,000.00 and the Company will continue to maintain a sufficient level of operation. The Company is currently reviewing whether it can satisfy paragraph 38 of the Listing Agreement.

On 23rd April, 2002, the highest price of the shares of the Company was HK\$0.168/share and the lowest price was HK\$0.110/share and price of the shares closed on that date at HK\$0.115/share.

The Board wishes to state that subsequent to the signing of the letter of intent as mentioned in the Announcement made by the Company on 19th April, 2002, no significant development has been made.

Owing to a mistake made by the Company in taking the Disposal as a major transaction instead of a notifiable transaction, at the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange was suspended at 9:30 a.m. on 24th April, 2002 pending the issue of this Announcement, the Company has applied to the Stock Exchange for the shares of the Company to resume its trading with effect at 9:30 a.m. on 30th April 2002.

As the Company may or may not proceed with the Disposal, shareholders and public investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

Made by the order of the Board of Luen Cheong Tai International Holdings Limited, the directors of which individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this statement.

By Order of the Board
Luen Cheong Tai International Holdings Limited
Chan Man Chuen
Chairman