SFC Bans Chow Yat Kwai from Re-entering the Industry

26 Jun 2007

The SFC has banned Mr Chow Yat Kwai from re-entering the industry for one year from 26 June 2007 to 25 June 2008 (Note 1).

The SFC found that Chow, who was employed as a representative of Grand Cathay Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd, concealed his personal trading through an account opened in his brother's name and fabricated records to cover up his trading. He misled the SFC and his employer when he was questioned about his brother's purported trading.

Mr Mark Steward, SFC's Executive Director of Enforcement, said: "Secret accounts threaten market integrity because they give rise to doubts that the representative is acting in the best interests of his clients. We will continue to take action against operators of secret accounts as part of a concerted strategy tackling the risks of front running and other types of market misconduct." (Note 2)

Ends

Notes:

1. Chow was formerly licensed under the Securities and Futures Ordinance to carry on Type 1 (dealing in securities) and Type 2 (dealing in futures contracts) regulated activities. He left the industry in June 2006 and is currently not accredited to any licensed corporation.

2. The SFC also took action recently against another licensed representative who was suspended for three months for operating secret accounts. Please see SFC press release dated 17 May 2007 for details.

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