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Broker and client found guilty of market manipulation

The Eastern Magistrates Court today found a broker, Mr Chan Yuk Hing, and his client, Mr Paul Frederic Chane Yin, guilty of market manipulation in shares of Multifield International Holdings Limited (Multifield) in 2009.

The Court adjourned the sentencing of Chan and Chane until 13 July 2012 pending their probation and community service order reports. They are liable to a fine of up to \$1 million and/or imprisonment for three years.

An SFC investigation found that through Chan, Chane purchased 50,000 Multifield shares at an average price of \$0.2261 in the morning trading session on 23 November 2009. Shortly after the afternoon session started, Chan asked Chane to buy Multifield shares at the best ask price, which was then \$1.00 per share, four times the prevailing market price of \$0.25 and suggested Chane to buy a single board lot of 2,000 shares. Chane agreed. As a result, the price of Multifield shares rose four-fold to \$1.00.

Shortly before trading closed that day, Chane sold the 50,000 shares he had earlier bought at an average price of \$0.2261 for an average selling price of \$0.4258.

The Court agreed with the SFC's allegation that there was no economically sensible reason for Chane to buy a single board lot at a price four times of the prevailing market price.

The Court also found that Chan and Chane, both intended to create a false or misleading appearance of the price for Multifield shares so Chane could later sell his shares at an artificially inflated price.

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Notes:

- Chan was a licensed representative of KGI Asia Limited at the relevant time.
- 2. A board lot is the minimum order quantity of shares of a stock that may be bought on a stock exchange.

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經紀與客戶操縱市場罪成

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東區裁判法院今天裁定經紀陳育鑫(男)及其客戶陳景倫(男)於2009年就萬事昌國際控股有限公司(萬事昌)的股份操縱市場,判兩人有罪。

法院將陳育鑫及陳景倫的判刑押後至2012年7月13日,等候兩人的感化官報告及社會服務令報告。他們最高可被判處 罰款100萬元及/或監禁三年。

證監會調查發現,陳景倫在2009年11月23日的上午交易時段,透過陳育鑫以平均價0.2261元買入50,000股萬事昌股份。在下午交易時段開始後不久,陳育鑫叫陳景倫以當時的最佳賣盤價每股1.00元(即等於當時市價0.25元四倍的價格)購買萬事昌股份,並建議陳景倫買入單一手2,000股股份。陳景倫同意。結果,萬事昌股份的市價上升四倍至1.00元。

當日臨近收市前,陳景倫將他早前以平均價0.2261元買入的50,000股股份,以平均售價0.4258元售出。

法院同意證監會所指,陳景倫並無經濟上合理的理由以等於當時市價四倍的價格買入單一手股份。

法院亦裁定,陳育鑫及陳景倫均意圖就萬事昌的股價營造虛假或具誤導性的表象,以便陳景倫其後能以人為推高的價格 出售其股份。

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備註:

- 1. 陳育鑫在關鍵時間是凱基證券亞洲有限公司的持牌代表。
- 2. 一手股份是指可於證券交易所落盤買入的最少股數。

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