

Press Releases

Proposed subscription and placing of new shares in
Companion Building Material International Holdings Limited ("Companion") and
the application for the granting of whitewash waiver

- Disclosure of dealings in shares in Companion

24 July 2002

The Executive received the following disclosure of dealings by Manful Star Group Limited (Manful)* in the ordinary shares in Companion pursuant to Rule 22 of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers:

| Date of Dealing | Bought/Sold | No of Shares | Unit Price (HK\$) |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 23 July 2002 | Sold | 2,400,000 | 0.035 |
| 23 July 2002 | Sold | 600,000 | 0.036 |
| Total | | 3,000,000 | |

** Manful is a company wholly owned by Mr. Lo Lin Shing, Simon. Following these disposals, Manful now owns 170,860,133 shares in Companion, representing approximately 11.78% of the issued share capital of Companion.*