

Enforcement Actions

11 November 2002

Market Manipulator Sentenced to Community Service

A man who manipulated shares of Climax International Company Limited has been sentenced to 160 hours of community service. Mr Simon Jenkins, a magistrate at Western Magistracy, also ordered Mr Daniel Hung to pay investigation costs of \$45,885 to the SFC.

On 28 October 2002, Hung pleaded guilty before Mr Jenkins to one summons of intentionally creating a false and misleading appearance of active trading in the shares of Climax during the period 20 September 2000 to 20 October 2000. Sentencing was adjourned until today pending background reports (Note 1).

The Magistrate commented that the Court viewed the offence as a serious matter. He had studied the Hong Kong Parkview appeal case judgement (Note 2) and distinguished this case on the basis that Hung had pleaded guilty.

An SFC spokesman said the SFC welcomed the decision as it indicated that in the absence of guilty pleas the Courts appeared to view market manipulation as deserving custodial sentences.

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Notes to Editor

Note 1: Please refer to a press release issued by the SFC on [28 October 2002](#). The release is available on the SFC website at www.hksfc.org.hk.

Note 2: Please refer to the SFC press releases issued on [18 March 2002](#) and [3 October 2002](#).