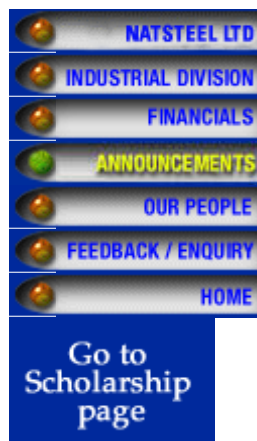




ANNOUNCEMENTS

24 January 2003

Announcement Of Appointment Of Director - Ban Song Long



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Date of appointment:	25/01/2003
Name:	Ban Song Long
Age:	58
Country of principal residence:	Singapore
Whether appointment is executive, and if so, the area of responsibility:	Non-Executive
Working experience and occupation(s) during the past 10 years:	<p>11 May 2000 - present Excellfin Private Limited Managing Director</p> <p>1 June 1999 - present Kuo Investments Limited Director Avant Hotels International Limited Director Hotel Properties Limited Consultant</p> <p>1 January 1994 - 30 April 1999 Vickers Ballas Holdings Limited Managing Director</p> <p>1 October 1979 - 31 December 1986 Vicker Ballas & Company Pte Ltd Director</p> <p>1 September 1969 - 30 September 1979 Kuo Group of Companies, New York President</p>

Other directorships Past (for the last five years)

Ashoka Capital Ltd
Asia Access Telecom Inc
Asia Access Telecom Pte Ltd
Aubaine Investments Pte Ltd
Avant Apartments Pte Ltd
Avant Hotels (S) Pte Ltd
Avant Properties Pte Ltd
Camellia Investments Pte Ltd
Dandelion Investments Pte Ltd
Edenvalley Inc
Harrowgate Inc

Health Management International Ltd (former name: HMI Holdings Ltd)
J Ballas (Hong Kong) Company Ltd
Kuo Holdings Inc
Kuo Hotels Canada Inc
Lapsent Ltd
Ludine Inc
Nava Vickers Ballas Securities Co Ltd
Oakshade Ltd
Rich Dale Investments Pte Ltd
Seapac Finance Ltd
Seproc Navigation International SA
Somerset Holdings Ltd
Southern Africa Investment Mgt Pte Ltd
Southern Africa Investments Pte Ltd
ST Capital Ltd
The Ashoka Fund Ltd
Tung Lok Restaurants (2000) Ltd
Value Entertainments (Gibraltar) Ltd
Vickers Ballas (B.V.I) Holdings Ltd
Vickers Ballas (UK) Plc
Vickers Ballas (USA) Inc
Vickers Ballas Asset Mgt Pte Ltd
Vickers Ballas Capital Ltd
Vickers Ballas Finance Ltd
Vickers Ballas Futures (Pte) Ltd
Vickers Ballas Holdings Ltd
Vickers Ballas Hong Kong Futures Ltd
Vickers Ballas Hong Kong Holdings Ltd
Vickers Ballas Hong Kong Ltd
Vickers Ballas Hong Kong Securities
Vickers Ballas Investment Mgt Ltd
Vickers Ballas Philippines Fund Ltd
Vickers Ballas Securities (Phils) Inc
Vickers Ballas Securities India Pvt Ltd
Vidasia Nominees Ltd
Vihong Nominees Ltd
Yukon Holdings Ltd

Present

8 Capital Limited
98 Holdings Pte Ltd
A H M Services Pte Ltd
Ainsford NV
Augsburg Investment Ltd
Avant Development Company Ltd
Avant Hotels International Ltd
B&B Sushi Inc
B&B Sushi WFC Inc
Bar Belle Productions Ltd NY
Bioveda Capital Pte Ltd (former name: Capstone Technology Partners Pte Ltd)
Bioveda Fund Pte Ltd
Catalla Investments Pte Ltd
Charney Enterprises NV
Coldharbour Ltd
Comojo (Gibraltar) Ltd
Comojo Investments (Gibraltar) Ltd
Comojo USA Inc
Excel Partners Pte Ltd
Excellfin Pte Ltd
Flamport Corp NV
Genki Sushi Hong Kong Ltd
Genki Sushi Singapore Pte Ltd

Heath Investments Ltd
 Institute of Molecular Agrobiolgy
 Jacob Ballas Capital India Pvt Ltd (former name: Vickers Ballas Securities India Pvt Ltd)
 Kuo Enterprises Canada Inc
 Kuo Enterprises Ltd
 Kuo Holdings BV
 Kuo Hotel Corporation
 Kuo Hotel Investments BV
 Kuo International Oil
 Kuo International Oil (UK) Ltd
 Kuo International Oil Ltd
 Kuo Investment Company
 Kuo Investments Ltd
 Kuo Oil (Bermuda) Ltd
 Kuo Oil Ltd
 Kuo Properties Inc
 London & Pacific Trust Plc
 Ming Investments Ltd
 Oakheath Investments Ltd
 Oakville NY
 Scorpa Pranedya Transoil Inc
 Sextant Investments Ltd
 Unioil International Ltd
 Value Investments Ltd
 Zenith Securities Pte Ltd (former name: Zenith Asset Management Pte Ltd)

Shareholding in the listed issuer and its subsidiaries:	None
Family relationship with any director and/or substantial shareholder of the listed issuer or of any of its principal subsidiaries:	Cousin of Mr David Fu, a Director of the Company
Conflict of interest:	None

**Declaration by a Director, Executive Officer or Controlling Shareholder
(As required per Appendix 2.4)**

If the answer to the following is "Yes", full details must be provided. If "No", please indicate.

1(a)	Were you in the last 10 years involved in a petition under any bankruptcy laws in any jurisdiction filed against you ?
	No
1(b)	Were you in the last 10 years a partner of any partnership involved in a petition under any bankruptcy laws in any jurisdiction filed against it while you were such a partner?
	No
1(c)	Were you in the last 10 years a director or an executive officer of any corporation involved in a petition under any bankruptcy laws in any jurisdiction filed against it while you were such a director or executive officer ?
	No
2.	Are there any unsatisfied judgements outstanding against you ?
	No
3.	Have you been convicted of any offence, in Singapore or elsewhere, involving fraud or dishonesty punishable with

	imprisonment for 3 months or more, or charged for violation of any securities laws? Are you the subject of any such pending criminal proceeding ?
	No
4.	Have you at any time been convicted of any offence, in Singapore or elsewhere, involving a breach of any securities or financial market laws, rules or regulations ?
	No
5.	Have you received judgment against you in any civil proceedings in Singapore or elsewhere in the last 10 years involving fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty? Are you the subject of any such pending civil proceeding ?
	No
6.	Have you been convicted in Singapore or elsewhere of any offence in connection with the formation or management of any corporation?
	No
7.	Have you ever been disqualified from acting as a director of any company, or from taking part in any way directly or indirectly in the management of any company?
	No
8.	Have you been the subject of any order, judgement or ruling of any court of competent jurisdiction, tribunal or governmental body permanently or temporarily enjoining you from engaging in any type of business practice or activity ?
	No
9.	Have you , to your knowledge, in Singapore or elsewhere, been concerned with the management or conduct of affairs of any company or partnership which has been investigated by an inspector appointed under the provisions of the Companies Act, or other securities enactments or by any other regulatory body in connection with any matter involving the company, or partnership occurring or arising during the period when you were so concerned with the company, or partnership?
	No

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