

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ERRANT LICENSED MONEYLENDER, CHENG HWANG TECK, FINED \$18,000**

1. The Registry of Moneylenders, a division of the Insolvency and Public Trustee's Office, brought charges in the Subordinate Courts on 16 September 2013 against licensed moneylender Cheng Hwang Teck (莊方德), 36 years old, the sole proprietor of moneylending business, A8 Credit. Cheng has been holding a moneylending licence since 14 April 2010.
  2. On 14 October 2013, Cheng pleaded guilty in the Subordinate Courts and was convicted on seven out of 20 charges for the following offences:
    - Five charges relate to breaches under Section 17(1)(a) of the Moneylenders Act for granting loans without the borrowers having first applied to the licensee in writing for the loans.
    - Two charges relate to breaches under Section 21(5)(a) of the Moneylenders Act for failure to obtain the signature of borrowers for receipts for cash repayments.
- The remaining 13 charges were taken into consideration by the Court for the purposes of sentencing.
3. Cheng was sentenced in the Subordinate Courts to a fine of \$18,000 (in default 41 days' imprisonment). He will also be required to show cause to the Registrar as to why his licence should not be revoked and his security deposit forfeited. 18 licensed moneylenders have been convicted and fined since 2011 (see **Annex A**).
  4. The Registry carries out regular inspections of licensed moneylenders. Where breaches of moneylending laws are found, enforcement measures are taken, including the suspension or revocation of licences, forfeiture of security deposits, warnings and prosecutions. Those convicted of breaches of the Moneylenders Act and Rules face a fine of up to \$40,000 and/or an imprisonment term of up to two years on each charge.

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**REGISTRY OF MONEYLENDERS  
INSOLVENCY & PUBLIC TRUSTEE'S OFFICE  
MINISTRY OF LAW**

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### **About the Insolvency & Public Trustee's Office**

The Insolvency & Public Trustee's Office (IPTO) in Singapore is a department under the Ministry of Law. IPTO oversees the administration of individual and corporate insolvencies, the administration of small intestate estates and un-nominated Central Provident Fund (CPF) monies, as well as the licensing and regulation of moneylenders and pawnbrokers. For more information on moneylending, please visit [www.ipto.gov.sg/moneylenders.html](http://www.ipto.gov.sg/moneylenders.html).

**List of past convictions since 2011**

<b>No</b>	<b>Name of Moneylender</b>	<b>Sentence Date</b>	<b>Fine amount (\$)</b>
1	Car City Leasing (Liew Yoon Kwai)	05/09/2011	31,000
2	Capital Alliance Credit (Phua Chye Hee George)	18/10/2011	214,000
3	Bez One Credit (Goh Siong Kiat)	26/09/2011	6,000
4	Swift De Credit (Tan Wee Teck)	06/02/2012	22,000
5	JXM Investment (Ng Gim Li)	20/02/2012	9,000
6	Super Credit (Oh Kwan Huat)	06/08/2012	42,000
7	GTR Moneylender & Credit (Lim Chee Wei)	17/09/2012	5,000
8	Gary Credit (Chua Kwang Yong)	15/10/2012	101,000
9	Credit HT (Tan Chun Hua)	25/03/2013	124,000
10	Focus Credit Connections (Rebecca Yeo Saw Yan)	29/04/2013	7,500
11	E.H. Credit Pte Ltd (Tan Joon Heng)	27/05/2013	40,000
12	James Lee Credit (Lee Pit Chin)	05/06/2013	314,000
13	Cho Hong Chye Alvin a.k.a. Zhu Hongcai Alvin, and Money Plant Pte Ltd	10/06/2013	17,000
14	Primacy Management Services (Lee Kong Meng)	15/07/2013	114,000
15	AA Credit (Phua Chin Meng)	29/07/2013	50,000
16	Hong Yang Credit	05/08/2013	48,000
17	M'Tac Triple8 Moneylender and Credit (Peh Soon Wah)	16/09/2013	24,000
18	SB Credit (Teo Eng Teck)	23/09/2013	24,000