



# Maoye International Holdings Limited

茂業國際控股有限公司

*(Incorporated in Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

(Stock Code: 848)

## Announcement

### Litigation involving subsidiaries of the Company

This announcement is made pursuant to 13.09(1) of the Listing Rules.

On 8 July 2008, certain subsidiaries of the Company, namely Chengshang and Maoye Shangsha, received summons from the People's Court of Wuhou, Chengdu. They were summoned to attend, as third parties, the administrative proceedings initiated by SWDIC against the Industrial and Commerce Administration Department of Chengdu City (四川省成都市工商行政管理局) ("**Chengdu ICAD**").

SWDIC has a 25% interest in Renmin Department Store (人民百貨), the other 75% interest was held by Chengshang. In 2007, Chengshang transferred its 75% interest in Renmin Department Store to Maoye Shangsha for commercial reasons. SWDIC claimed that Chengdu ICAD's acceptance of the transfer was unlawful and in violation of the PRC Company Registration Regulation and the PRC Company Law. Since Chengshang's and Maoye Shangsha's interests may be affected by the outcome of the proceedings, they have been requested to join the proceedings.

SWDIC requested the court to invalidate the transfer of Renmin Department Store's interest from Chengshang to Maoye Shangsha. Chengshang has sought advice from its PRC counsel. Chengshang's PRC counsel is of the view that SWDIC was unlikely to succeed in the proceedings and obtain judgment against Chengdu ICAD. SWDIC was not seeking any monetary damage against any of the parties involved in the proceedings.

The Company is of the view that the litigation by SWDIC is unmeritorious and it is unlikely to have any material adverse effect on the Company. The Company will make announcement on any further development or changes that are material in the Company's view.

#### Definition

"Chengshang"

Chengshang Group Co., Ltd (成商集團股份有限公司), a subsidiary of the Company and a joint stock limited company established in the PRC and listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 600828). The Company currently holds 135,643,158 shares in

	Chengshang through Maoye Shangsha, representing approximately 66.77% of its issued share capital;
"Company"	Maoye International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange;
"Listing Rules"	The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
"Maoye Shangsha "	Shenzhen Maoye Shangsha Company Limited (深圳茂业商厦有限公司), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company;
"PRC"	The People's Republic of China;
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency in the PRC;
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"SWDIC"	Shanghai Wang Deming Investment Company Limited (上海王德明投资有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC.

By Order of the Board  
**Maoye International Holdings Limited**

**Mr. Huang Mao Ru**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 12 July 2008

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. HUANG Mao Ru and Mr. ZOU Minggu, Mr. WANG Guisheng and Ms. WANG Fuqin. The non-executive Directors are Mr. ZHONG Pengyi and Mrs. HUANG Jingzhang. The independent non-executive Directors are Mr. PAO Ping Wing, Mr. LEUNG Hon Chuen, and Mr. CHOW Chan Lum.*