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Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to the first issue of *Taipan Insider*, the privately circulated e-letter for loyal customers only.

This letter will normally only be published online... but I wanted to include a print version with this issue for you.

Why a privately circulated letter? Since you've chosen a Taipan Publishing Group product or service as your source of financial information and ideas, you deserve special recognition.

The truth is, I can't think of a better way to show how much I appreciate your business than sharing with you a deeper, more personal look at the moneymaking opportunities our analysts, writers, editors and researchers uncover on your behalf.

Taipan Insider gives you an "insider's" view into the heart of our publishing group. You'll not only see firsthand how we uncover the many ideas we pass your way, but you'll also learn what our editors think are the most important and pressing economic issues that could impact your wealth.

In some instances, that insider's view might translate into advance knowledge on investment ideas and recommendations. Sometimes it might be a deeper understanding of investment trends that could dramatically enhance your financial well-being.

Or you could be sitting ringside as our editors debate one another on a number of issues: Will the market go up or down? Is oil likely to top out at \$200 a barrel? Will gold peak at \$2,000 an ounce? Or, it might be a more real-time view on financial opportunities as they unfold. You'll even get our take on the latest financial headlines driving mainstream media.

Taipan Insider is where you'll meet our international financial affiliates positioned all over the world. I'm talking about correspondents who live in countries such as China, Australia, India, London, South America and many more.

For example, from our "man on the street" in Hong Kong, you'll learn what it's like to live and invest in a country that has secured its place as the world's third-largest economy.

I could go on and on telling you what *Taipan Insider* is, but the more you read it, the more you'll come to understand its value. Remember, no one else is privy to this information. It is for loyal customers only.

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In the News:

What the Media Is Talking About

• **Can Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Help Save the Mortgage Industry?** As home prices continue their free fall and banks shy away from lending, Washington

officials have increasingly relied on two giant mortgage companies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to keep the housing market afloat.

Even more important, unlike the indebted consumer of the U.S. or the highly taxed consumer of Europe, the Chinese consumer has surplus savings to buy all kinds of products. In fact, Chinese banks are bulging with savings and are looking for opportunities to expand.

The truth is China's growth in exports to the U.S. slowed to 5% (in USD terms) between January 2007 and January 2008, but exports to Brazil, India and Russia were up by more than 60%. Less than 15% of China's investment is linked to exports. Over half is in infrastructure and property.

Speaking of infrastructure, our HK affiliates suggests **China Mobile (CHL:NYSE)** might be worth your investment dollars. In the U.S., cellphones are a convenient form of mobile communication through talk or text. But in China, they're used for much more. Most Chinese access the Internet and e-mail only through their mobile phones. In other words, for most users, the cellphone is their personal computer.

We've asked our Hong Kong affiliates for more insights and they're happy to oblige. You can look forward to those updates in future issues of *Taipan Insider*.

Our affiliate in Australia, Archie Bayvel, a veteran financial writer with an Indiana Jones research style, tells us that a sleepy little village port in subtropical Australia is about to become the world's first new heavy-industry metropolis outside China.

What city is Archie praising? A little town called Gladstone, which is just south of Capricorn and only an hour's flight from Brisbane, capital of Queensland. Gladstone has already secured \$15 billion in established manufacturing plants, another \$25 billion of projects in the immediate offing and is scouring the world for new enterprises with \$1 billion to invest.

Within the next year it will rate as the world's biggest coal port. It already has its own mini-version of LA's famous Alameda Corridor zipping trains and trucks, gas and electricity under its CBD — a transport corridor many world cities only dream about.

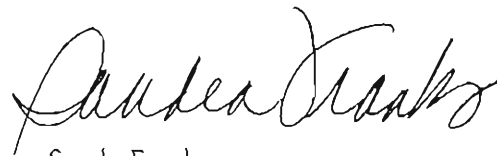
Investment opportunities include:

- Openings for international capital. Original development was built on Japanese, American and Swiss investors who still retain equity.

- Engineering services for the booming city itself and also for vast nickel mines it services only a few hundred miles offshore.
- Modern hotels and accommodation. Currently, the city has one international-standard hostelry with a guest mix of changeover ship crews and visiting tycoons.
- Intellectual property with international applications arising from the cutting-edge research centre at the city's university.

We'll hear more from Archie as he continues his travels throughout Australia. Plus, we should have some good information from our affiliates in South America and India. Stay tuned.

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P.S. I received this letter from a new subscriber to *Taipan*, our flagship publication. I thought I'd share it with you because it's a perfect example of why we're in the financial publishing business: to help ordinary investors grow their wealth without undue hardship.

Dear Ms. Franks,

How I wish I had known of your service earlier. But better late than never. I'm age 95, disabled, and retired old Veteran of WWII. I trusted my former broker to make investments of my account on my behalf. I explained I had no knowledge of good investments or stocks. He loaded me up with JUNK. It cost me \$28,000 – then I fired him."

— A. L. Stanavage