

MIRA INFORM REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

Name :	KA LONG TRADING
Registered Office :	Flat 601B, 6/F., Block 2, Harbour Centre, 8 Hok Cheung Street, Hunghom, Kowloon
Country :	Hong Kong
Date of Incorporation :	28.09.1999
Com. Reg. No.:	30390926-000-09
Legal Form :	Sole Proprietorship
Line of Business :	Importer, Exporter and Wholesaler of all kinds of diamonds, gemstones
No. of Employees :	3.

RATING & COMMENTS

(Mira Inform has adopted New Rating mechanism w.e.f. 23rd January 2017)

MIRA's Rating :

A

Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default

Status :	Satisfactory
Payment Behaviour :	Slow but Correct
Litigation :	Clear

NOTES :

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ECGC Country Risk Classification List

Country Name	Previous Rating (30.06.2018)	Current Rating (30.09.2018)
Hong Kong	A1	A1

Risk Category	ECGC Classification
Insignificant	A1
Low Risk	A2
Moderately Low Risk	B1
Moderate Risk	B2
Moderately High Risk	C1
High Risk	C2
Very High Risk	D

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HONG KONG - ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Hong Kong has a free market economy, highly dependent on international trade and finance - the value of goods and services trade, including the sizable share of reexports, is about four times GDP. Hong Kong has no tariffs on imported goods, and it levies excise duties on only four commodities, whether imported or produced locally: hard alcohol, tobacco, oil, and methyl alcohol. There are no quotas or dumping laws. Hong Kong continues to link its currency closely to the US dollar, maintaining an arrangement established in 1983.

Excess liquidity, low interest rates and a tight housing supply have caused Hong Kong property prices to rise rapidly. The lower and middle-income segments of the population increasingly find housing unaffordable.

Hong Kong's open economy has left it exposed to the global economic situation. Its continued reliance on foreign trade and investment makes it vulnerable to renewed global financial market volatility or a slowdown in the global economy.

Mainland China has long been Hong Kong's largest trading partner, accounting for about half of Hong Kong's total trade by value. Hong Kong's natural resources are limited, and food and raw materials must be imported. As a result of China's easing of travel restrictions, the number of mainland tourists to the territory surged from 4.5 million in 2001 to 47.3 million in 2014, outnumbering visitors from all other countries combined. After peaking in 2014, overall tourist arrivals dropped 2.5% in 2015 and 4.5% in 2016. The tourism sector rebounded in 2017, with visitor arrivals rising 3.2% to 58.47 million. Travelers from Mainland China totaled 44.45 million, accounting for 76% of the total.

The Hong Kong Government is promoting the Special Administrative Region (SAR) as the preferred business hub for renminbi (RMB) internationalization. Hong Kong residents are allowed to establish RMB-denominated savings accounts, RMB-denominated corporate and Chinese government bonds have been issued in Hong Kong, RMB trade settlement is allowed, and investment schemes such as the Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (RQFII) Program was first launched in Hong Kong. Offshore RMB activities experienced a setback, however, after the People's Bank of China changed the way it set the central parity rate in August 2015. RMB deposits in Hong Kong fell from 1.0 trillion RMB at the end of 2014 to 559 billion RMB at the end of 2017, while RMB trade settlement handled by banks in Hong Kong also shrank from 6.8 trillion RMB in 2015 to 3.9 trillion RMB in 2017.

Hong Kong has also established itself as the premier stock market for Chinese firms seeking to list abroad. In 2015, mainland Chinese companies constituted about 50% of the firms listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and accounted for about 66% of the exchange's market capitalization.

During the past decade, as Hong Kong's manufacturing industry moved to the mainland, its service industry has grown rapidly. In 2014, Hong Kong and China signed a new agreement on achieving basic liberalization of trade in services in Guangdong Province under the Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), adopted in 2003 to forge closer ties between Hong

Kong and the mainland. The new measures, which took effect in March 2015, cover a negative list and a most-favored treatment provision. On the basis of the Guangdong Agreement, the Agreement on Trade in Services signed in November 2015 further enhanced liberalization, including extending the implementation of the majority of Guangdong pilot liberalization measures to the whole Mainland, reducing the restrictive measures in the negative list, and adding measures in the positive lists for cross-border services as well as cultural and telecommunications services. In June 2017, the Investment Agreement and the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation (Ecotech Agreement) were signed under the framework of CEPA.

Hong Kong's economic integration with the mainland continues to be most evident in the banking and finance sector. Initiatives like the Hong Kong-Shanghai Stock Connect, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Stock Connect the Mutual Recognition of Funds, and the Bond Connect scheme are all important steps towards opening up the Mainland's capital markets and have reinforced Hong Kong's role as China's leading offshore RMB market. Additional connect schemes such as ETF Connect (for exchange-traded fund products) are also under exploration by Hong Kong authorities. In 2017, Chief Executive Carrie LAM announced plans to increase government spending on research and development, education, and technological innovation with the aim of spurring continued economic growth through greater sector diversification.

Source : CIA

COMPANY NAME AND ADDRESS

KA LONG TRADING

ADDRESS: Flat 601B, 6/F., Block 2, Harbour Centre, 8 Hok Cheung Street, Hunghom, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

PHONE: 852-3749 9059

MANAGEMENT:

Manager: Mr. Smit Ramesh Virani

SUMMARY

Establishment: 28th September, 1999.

Organization: Sole Proprietorship.

Capital: Not disclosed.

Business Category: Diamond & Precious Stone Trader.

Employees: 3.

Main Dealing Banker: The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd., Hong Kong.

Banking Relation: Satisfactory.

ADDRESS

Head Office:-

Flat 601B, 6/F., Block 2, Harbour Centre, 8 Hok Cheung Street, Hunghom, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

BUSINESS REGISTRATION NUMBER

30390926-000-09

MANAGEMENT

Manager: Mr. Smit Ramesh Virani

SOLE PROPRIETOR

Name: Mr. Smit Ramesh VIRANI

Residential Address: House 32, King's Park Hill, King's Park Hill Road, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

HISTORY

The subject was established on 28th September, 1999 as a sole proprietorship concern owned by Mr. Biren Surendra Parikh under the Hong Kong Business Registration Regulations.

The following table shows the changes of the partners:-

Name	Incoming Date	Outgoing Date
Biren Surendra PARIKH	28-09-1999	01-09-2006
Tanmay Achyut BHATT	26-06-2006	20-05-2010
Ritesh Becherbhai KHUNT	26-03-2010	01-11-2011
Smit Ramesh VIRANI	13-07-2011	---

Now, the subject is still a sole proprietorship concern.

Initially the subject was located at Flat C, 6/F., Bo Yip Building, 6 Ashley Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong, moved to Flat D, 16/F., Tower 12A, Costa Del Sol (Phase IIB), Laguna Verde, 8 Laguna Verde Avenue, Hungghom, Kowloon, Hong Kong in October 2005, and further moved to the present address in October 2014. Apart from these, neither material change nor amendment has been ever traced and noted.

OPERATIONS

Activities: Importer, Exporter and Wholesaler.

Lines: All kinds of diamonds, gemstones

Employees: 3.

Commodities

Imported: India, Thailand, other Asian countries, Belgium, etc.

Markets: Hong Kong, US, Southeast Asia, Middle East, etc.

Terms/Sales: CAD or as per contracted.

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Terms/Buying: T/T, L/C, D/P, O/A, etc.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Capital:	Not disclosed.
Profit or Loss:	Made small profits in past years.
Condition:	Business is normal.
Facilities:	Adequate for current running.
Payment:	Slow but Correct.
Commercial Morality:	Satisfactory.
Banker:	The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd., Hong Kong.
Standing:	Satisfactory.

GENERAL

Ka Long Trading is a sole proprietorship operated by Mr. Smit Ramesh Virani [S R Virani] who is an India merchant. He is a Hong Kong ID Card holder and has got the right to reside in Hong Kong. He is also manager of the subject. Virani joined in the subject on 13th July, 2011.

The subject was set up by Mr. Biren Surendra Parikh in September 1999. However, he outwent on 1st September, 2006.

The subject moved to the present address in October 2014.

S R Virani also operates the business of the subject in his Hong Kong residence located at House 32, King's Park Hill, King's Park Hill Road, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The subject is trading in loose diamonds, polished and cut diamonds, precious stones, ruby jade, gem sets, semi-precious stones, gold & silver products, etc. Commodities are chiefly imported from India, the other Asian countries and Europe. It also acquires commodities from local suppliers.

The subject is also a commission agent. However, in recent years, it has been trading in loose diamonds chiefly. It is trading in loose diamonds like Marquise, Pears, Tappers, Baguettes and Rose Cut, Round Brilliant, Single Cut and Fancy Cut, Heart Cut, Emerald Cut, etc.

The subject's products are marketed in Hong Kong, China and exported or re-exported to the United State, the Middle East, India and the other Asian countries, etc.

The subject's business is chiefly handled by S R Virani himself.

Since the history of the subject in Hong Kong is over nineteen years and two months, on the whole, consider it good for normal business engagements in moderate credit amounts.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Unit	Indian Rupees
US Dollar	1	INR 70.11
UK Pound	1	INR 88.74
Euro	1	INR 79.82
HKD	1	INR 8.97

Note : Above are approximate rates obtained from sources believed to be correct

INFORMATION DETAILS

Analysis Done by :	NIS
Report Prepared by :	KET

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RATING EXPLANATIONS

Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A++	Minimum Risk	Business dealings permissible with minimum risk of default
A+	Low Risk	Business dealings permissible with low risk of default
A	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default
B	Medium Risk	Business dealings permissible on a regular monitoring basis
C	Medium High Risk	Business dealings permissible preferably on secured basis
D	High Risk	Business dealing not recommended or on secured terms only
NB	New Business	No recommendation can be done due to business in infancy stage
NT	No Trace	No recommendation can be done as the business is not traceable

NB is stated where there is insufficient information to facilitate rating. However, it is not to be considered as unfavourable.

This score serves as a reference to assess SC's credit risk and to set the amount of credit to be extended. It is calculated from a composite of weighted scores obtained from each of the major sections of this report. The assessed factors are as follows:

- Financial condition covering various ratios
- Company background and operations size
- Promoters / Management background
- Payment record
- Litigation against the subject
- Industry scenario / competitor analysis
- Supplier / Customer / Banker review (wherever available)

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