Fraud, Lies, National Security Concerns

Is the Chicago Stock Exchange Selling Out to China, Hiding A Secret Dark Closet?

Background:

In February 2016, an obscure Chinese firm "Chongqing Casin Group" announced a highly controversial acquisition of the 134 -year-old American icon - the Chicago Stock Exchange ("CHX"). The deal is subject to CFIUS scrutiny as well as SEC clearance. Behind the eye-popping headlines, Casin Group's curious background has caused grave concerns in many areas.

The truth:

China Casin Group, allegations of Chinese mafia affiliation, public corruption

A quick Google search has turned up Casin's background: Casin's controversial Chairman Shengju Lu has been broadly exposed in Chinese media for his association with the Chongqing mafia in various land disputes in Chongqing, a city located in China's remote Western regions. Epoch Times reported that Casin's founding Chairman Mr. Lu is a close ally of the Bo Xilai family, a former Chongqing governor and convicted felon now serving a life sentence for public corruption, which is confirmed by Bo Xilai's Wikipedia page and a Wall Street Journal article titled "Bo Xilai Found Guilty, Sentenced to Life in Prison."



Chinese media also exposed Casin Chairman Shengju Lu's entangled web of mysterious business dealings with the convicted Bo: (*Pictured: Casin's Lu*)



China Casin Group, an opaque business controlled by the Chinese government

Casin Group grew out of the murky privatization of Chinese state-owned enterprises in the 1990s. Similar events took place in Russia during the same time period: Businessmen bribed government officials in exchange for stealing government assets, taking advantage of their citizens. Backed by the convicted Bo, Casin Group was one of the most notorious in China's Chongqing region. Casin is 40% owned and controlled by Chinese government officials.

China Casin Group, a land developer with no experience in finance

Casin Group's business is land and real estate development. It has no background or experience in owning or managing a highly sophisticated American stock exchange. In fact, Casin Chairman Lu doesn't even speak English. What's learned in the Chinese media is that Casin has a debt to equity ratio of nearly 80%. It's likely Casin's founder and Chairman will flip the Chicago Stock Exchange to the highest Chinese bidder like a used car, or use CHX's assets as collateral to provide relief to its mountain of debt.

Misrepresentations to and by the Chicago Stock Exchange

The Chicago Stock Exchange was misled by Casin. In relying on Casin's representations, Chicago Stock Exchange has misled the American public:

On Chicago Stock Exchange's website, a <u>section was created</u> to illuminate the "Proposed Casin Acquisition Q&As." Under the question "Will this transaction bring in additional revenue from overseas?"

CHX's answer is shocking: "That is our <u>expectation</u>. In addition to receiving additional capital to expand CHX's business here in the U.S., <u>the Casin Group has expressed an interest in eventually starting another securities exchange in China</u>. If this transaction is approved, <u>CHX employees</u>

may have the opportunity to <u>consult</u> on this and other <u>potential projects</u> that that our investors may <u>pursue in China or other countries</u>."

Such statements are misleading at best and truly border fraudulent representations. <u>Epoch Times</u> recently reported that Casin is a front for the Chinese government to control America's capital markets, infiltrating the U.S. national security. Further, China already has three highly efficient stock exchanges (Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hong Kong). Casin's pitch to CHX was deliberately false: To open a third stock exchange in China through Casin and CHX is pure fantasy and a lie.

There are no facts whatsoever to substantiate Casin's "plan" to launch China's third stock exchange. Sources from Chinese regulators have confirmed that China has no plan and it is "impossible" to have a third stock exchange, contrary to Casin and CHX's statements made to the American public.

Chicago Stock Exchange, a hidden dark closet "Made in China"

Is the Chicago Stock Exchange hiding a secret dark close for China Casin Group? Should America's national security be compromised? Should the American spirit be sold out to an opaque Chinese government-controlled company, whose moneyman doesn't even speak English, trusting their false promises and fabricated data? Is it open season for China to indiscriminately take over America, mislead our people and dupe our government officials? These are sounding alarms that all citizens must be gravely concerned about.

Congressional actions are urgently needed. The representatives of the people must speak up.

China or Casin cannot be permitted to own the Chicago Stock Exchange. There is simply too much at stake for our country. The American pride, spirit and our national security cannot be reduced by anyone. The Chicago Stock Exchange or America is not and should never be for sale like a cheap used car.