

**Press Release - For Immediate Release**

**Wealthy Max Limited Publicly Unseals 13 Tons of Coins  
Calls for Justice for Chinese Companies the Face of the  
U.S. Government's Civil Forfeiture Case**

[Hong Kong, 23 February, 2016] - Wealthy Max Limited (Wealthy Max), a claimant in a federal civil forfeiture case involving supposedly counterfeit coins, today invited the representatives of the U.S. government to attend a public unsealing and audit of 13 tons of damaged U.S. coins destined to be shipped to the U.S. Mint until the civil forfeiture caused a halt to operations. The unsealing was overseen by former U.S. FBI agents who are members of the FormerFedsGroup.com, to demonstrate Wealthy Max does not traffic in counterfeit U.S. coins.

In March 2015, Wealthy Max was informed by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey that a payment of US\$2.38 million owed to it by the U.S. Treasury for damaged U.S. coins shipped and accepted to the U.S. Mint in June 2014 were subject to civil forfeiture and that the company was being accused of trafficking in counterfeit U.S. coins. Another two shipments delivered in October 2014 and March 2015 have also been seized, with a total value of US\$3.25 million. The seizure by the U.S. government has been lasting for more than a year without any further notification or complaints filed, which is already a failure to comply with the law under civil forfeiture cases. The test and report from the Customs and Border Protection Laboratory actually failed to connect counterfeit coins to any shipment made by Wealthy Max.

"Wealthy Max Limited is calling on the U.S. government to stop the harassment of honest Chinese companies, and return our property and money immediately," said Matthew Wong, Director, Wealthy Max Limited. "Now, all of a sudden, our property was taken and we are accused of a crime, but not charged. This is not

fair, and we are committed to defending our rights and reputation through the U.S. justice system, and more, we are demanding justice for ourselves and others who have been wronged by the U.S. authorities. We organized this unsealing and audit to demonstrate, in a very tangible way, our belief in the legitimacy of our product and our commitment to transparency.”

Wealthy Max has been engaged in redeeming damaged coins from Chinese scrap recycling processors for over 12 years with over 160 shipments of coins submitted to the U.S. Mint without any problems, under the Mutilated Coin Redemption Program established in 1911. Requests to the relevant government authorities by the company for the status of its shipments and return of its property have been ignored.

The legal disputes finally triggered the suspension of the coin redemption program for six months. Wealthy Max currently has approximately 13 metric tons of damaged U.S. coins packed and ready for shipment in a warehouse in Yuen Long. The future of these orphaned coins, and many others stockpiled at aluminum scrap recycling facilities in China, are uncertain due to the U.S. Government’s seizures of Wealthy Max shipments, as well as the seizures of additional shipments by other vendors.

“This unsealing and audit followed a very strict set of rules established by U.S. federal law enforcement agencies to ensure a clear chain of evidence that will hold up in court,” said Steve Gomez, Director, FormerFedsGroup.Com. “Our agents have a deep understanding of these rules as they have conducted hundreds of investigations and are experts in the proper handling of physical and documentary evidence.”

In addition to Wealthy Max, the U.S. Attorney's Office filed civil forfeiture cases against at least two other Chinese companies as well as a U.S. company with links to the Chinese recycling industry.

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### **About Wealthy Max**

Wealthy Max Limited is a Hong Kong-based company. It is in the business of recovering mutilated coins that are a by-product of the metal recycling business. Through its operations in China, Wealthy Max collects, sorts, washes and visually inspects coins it receives from scrap processors that process millions of tons of non-ferrous metals. Wealthy Max also receives mutilated coins from other sources not associated with the metal recycling industry. Since 2002, Wealthy Max has repatriated more than 160 shipments of coins to the Mint.

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