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## **PMA Investment Advisors Strengthen Credit Investment Team**

Hong Kong, Oct. 6, 2006 – PMA Investment Advisors Ltd., a leading provider of Asia-focused alternative investment products to global investors and a core member of the SPARX Group Co. Ltd., is pleased to announce the entire team at Trigon Advisers, a Hong Kong-based asset management firm, has joined its credit investment team as of October 5.

In a move that will bring together two of the most well-regarded credit investment teams in Asia, Geoffrey King, Richard Yang and Torquil MacLeod of Trigon Advisers will join Darryl Flint, PMA's Chief Investment Officer of credit investments. Investors in funds currently managed by Trigon will have the option of rolling funds into one of PMA's credit products.

Farhat Malik, Chief Executive Officer of PMA, commented: "We are all extremely excited about being able to add one of the best credit teams in Asia to the PMA family, a move which will add depth to our very successful credit business." He added: "This highlights the strength and attractiveness of PMA's unique platform as the largest multi-strategy hedge fund management company in Asia ex-Japan, which was further enhanced earlier in the year when we joined the SPARX Group."

Richard Yang, co-founder of Trigon, said: "We are excited about joining PMA and are looking forward to being part of the strongest credit investment team in Asia and a unique multi-strategy institutional platform."

### **About Trigon:**

Trigon was founded in 2002 by Geoffrey King and Richard Yang as an alternative investment management company focusing on liquid Asian credit and fixed income markets. Funds managed by Trigon have won numerous industry awards including "Best Fixed Income Hedge Fund" in the Asian Masters of Hedge Award in 2005 and 2006, and "Best Fixed Income Hedge Fund" by *Asian Investor* magazine in 2005.

### **About PMA:**

PMA Investment Advisors Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the SPARX Group, is a Hong Kong-based alternative investment advisory and management services firm with offices in Dubai and London and investments in all Asian markets outside of Japan.

### **About the SPARX Group:**

SPARX Group Co. Ltd. is a Tokyo-based Asian equity specialist with offices in New York, London, Hong Kong, Seoul, Honolulu and Bermuda. It has grown into one of Asia's largest independent asset managers since its inception in 1989.

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