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**SET Board of Governors temporarily suspends Yuanta Securities Company trading activities**

It was concluded from the SET Board of Governors meeting that since April 12, 2001, Bank Thai Plc.'s (BT) stock prices and volume have moved unusually without clear and supporting fundamentals.

Investigation by the SET has found that BT prices have been continuously moved up by investors through Yuanta Securities (Thailand) Company Limited (Yuanta). This investigation has also indicated that Yuanta has supported the behavior of its customers, which may seriously impact other customers, the company itself, the SET, the securities industry and the Thai capital market. Moreover, the SET enquiry also discovered that Yuanta does not exercise proper management and controls when such irregular trading activity occurs.

In order to prevent such atypical trading, which may crucially affect SET stability and integrity as well as adversely impact investors in the Thai capital market, the SET Board of Governors has ordered Yuanta to improve its control system and adopt better standards to protect investors, and, by virtue of Section 171(3) of the Securities and Exchange Act B.E. 2535, the SET Board of Governors has also ordered Yuanta to temporarily suspend its trading of listed securities in the Stock Exchange of Thailand beginning May 24, 2001. This order will remain effective until the company is able to prove that its control system and its standards are viable and functioning properly to prevent such uncustomary trading behavior.