HANJIN are we ready for the next one?

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Outline

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- How did the Hanjin Insolvency happen?
- Did it happen earlier?
- Why does it happen?
- Can we avoid / manage insolvencies?
- Case Study



State of being unable to pay monies owed on time



Cash Flow Insolvency

- AKA "actual insolvency"
- When a person/company has enough assets to pay what is owed,
 but does not have the appropriate form of payment
- Could generally be resolved by negotiations

Balance Sheet Insolvency

- AKA "technical insolvency"
- When a person/company does not have enough assets to pay all of their debts
- Negotiation to see whether creditors will accept a smaller portion of their dues to stave of insolvency



- 2008-2009: Financial Crisis Container Industry
 Lost US\$ 15 Billion (Hanjin US\$ 1.1 Billion in 2009)
- 2010: Eurozone Crisis Prevented a rebound in trade between Asia – Europe
 China Slowdown
- 2011: Reduced Global Demand
- 2015: Container Ship Fleet record 20 million TEU's
 Asia Europe Rates hit record low (Asia- NE @
 US\$205/TEU & Asia Med @ US\$195/TEU)





- 2016- Transpacific spot rates hit record low of US\$728/TEU Hanjin accounted for 7% of trade
- Spring contract season dropped below US\$750/FEU for West Coast & US\$1500/FEU to East Coast
- 22 April 16 Hanjin hands over control to its largest creditor Korean Development Bank
- 06 June16 Hanjin starts negotiations with Owners for lower charter rates
- 26 June 16 Rumours of missed payments to suppliers
- 29 Aug 16 Creditor Support Fades
- 31 Aug 16 Hanjin files for receivership in South Korean Court

Source: JOC



Did it happen earlier?

US Lines
Cho Yang Lines
Dongama
Hainan POS
And others....







Why does this happen?

- Demand / Supply Conundrum:
 Prediction Container demand
 growth 2.2 times the GDP
 Growth at 4% from 2000-2008.
- Actual multiplier 1.1 times
 the Avg GDP Growth of 2.9 %

- Free Market no barrier for entry
- Big is beautiful
- Marketing Loss leader to fill up ships
- Follow the herd
- Technology



Interests of various parties

- Cargo (Exporters, Importers, Traders)
- Carriers (VOCC's, Operators & NVOCC's)
- Vessel Owners
- Equipment Owners (Lessors and Lessees)
- Ports & Terminals
- Suppliers (Bunker Suppliers, etc)



Can we avoid Insolvencies?

- All container lines are struggling
- Altman Z Score
- Conferences
- Closed loop? Is it possible in this connected world



Manage Insolvencies?

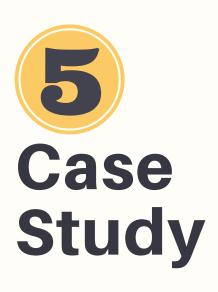
- Market Intelligence
- KYC
- Risk Mapping
 Known Knowns
 Known Unknowns
 Unknown Unknowns
- Appropriate Cover incl Contingency Cover?



Case Study



- Herbilan's foray into Container Operations
- 3 vessels chartered to start service in Sep 2015
- HERBILAN GLORY, HERBILAN FAITH & HERBILAN SUCCESS
- Route Ygn / Cbo / Maa & Vzg with Cbo acting as T/s hub for cargo emanating from other ports
- Ygn exports mainly of Pulses (Dal) and Timber and imports being Food stuff,
 Cement. Steel & Pharmacuticals.
- Trade sector has Imbalanced container trade



- Competition leads to Revenues below costs
- Owners unpaid TC hire by Vessel Operators (Herbilan)
- Owners held lien of containers with cargo for payment of outstandings
- Our initial involvement Claims Consultants for Container Operator with containers on board on two Herbilan vessels
- Our focus is on "HERBILAN SUCCESS"
- 7 Container Operators loaded 335 containers (330 TEU's and 5 FEU's)
- Notified by clients on 29 Jan 2016.
- Initiated immediate communication with Vessel
 Operator to ascertain their intentions

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- Initiated communication with other container operators to ascertain their position
- Owners Insured with a FD&D Club whom we fortunately assist – communication established with Owners on 23rd Feb 2016
- Enquired by Owners whether we could be engaged jointly by both Owners and Container Operators to resolve this matter
- Our clients agreed and we advised all parties of our joint engagement i.e. Owners and Operator
- Substantial payment of port charges (PDA) required to discharge the containers

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- Review of contractual position to find a solution
- Owners advised to excercise lien on sub-freights & which they exercised
- Intention use sub-freights to make payment of PDA of Myanmar Port Authority to discharge containers
- Engaged earlier Operators agents for Owners direct account
- Issues

Operators concerned that if freight amounts insufficient,

Owners will not berth vessel

Cargo mainly Sugar and value of cargo would drop if delay continued

Vessel outside anchorage for quite some time and running short of supplies / bunkers



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- Open communication with all parties
- Sought payment of outstanding freight of containers on board (if payment had not been made)
- Cajole/Negotiate/Discuss with all operators / Owners so that all are on the same page
- Collected outstanding freight from majority of the Container Operators so as to fund the PDA
- Vessel berthed 07 March 16 and discharged containers
 and sailed 09 March 16

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Conclusion

- Insolvencies will happen
- When and where unknown
- Must be prepared by conducting KYC, Risk Mapping
- Appropriate cover
- When it happens, deal with it and use help if necessary
- Opportunities for Insurers and Service Providers

thank you!

