Appendix (1): Table of informants

The table below presents the business people and their operations. The numbers in brackets indicate the actual identity of the people interviewed. As can be seen, one interviewee often had experience running multiple businesses, but in order to minimize confusion informants have been given multiple names corresponding to each separate business operation they had.

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| Owner | Type of business | Registration | Years of operation | Number of employees | Location | Owner’s income |
| MrFish (#1) | fishing |  | 1995-2005 | 20 | Countryside port city | ? |
| MrOil (#1) | Oil refinery | ? | 1997-2006 | 45 | Countryside port city | $2,000-3,000 |
| MrBus (#1) | Intercity bus company | Pyongyang-based FTC | 2006-2008 | 6-7 | Countryside port city | $3,000 |
| MrCoal (#2) | Coal mines (three) | The military FTC | 2000-? | 50 | countryside | ? |
| MrBarbecue (#3) | restaurant | City council | 1998-2003 | 5 | Border town | ? |
| MrGold (#3) | Gold mine | The Party Central Committee FTC | 2003-2008 | 30 | countryside | $2,000 |
| MrCement (#4) | Trade (cement and construction material) | The military academy FTC | 2006-2009 | <10 | Countryside town | $1,500 |
| MrFlats (#4) | Apartment construction | State-owned mining company | Late 1990s-2005 | ? | Countryside town | $500 |
| MrImitation Meat (#5) | Imitation meat manufacturing | Local food processing plant | Early 2000s | ? | Countryside port city | ? |

Two informants are not given in the above table (Mr Antiques and Ms Coal). While they both shared valuable information, their operations were not PSEs and are thus largely beyond the scope of this article.