## ARCHITECTURAL FIRM GOES GUNNING FOR ASIA TELE-NET AND TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION LTD

Asia Tele-Net and Technology Corporation Ltd (Code: 679, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) is about to do battle with the architectural firm of David Ho and Partners over what appears to be an abortive, New Territories building project.

David Ho and Partners is looking for \$HK7,105,000 from the publicly listed company.

According to David Ho and Partners, it was appointed by a wholly owned subsidiary of Asia Tele-Net, Sky Citi-Link International Telecom Ltd (previously known as Million Point Technology Ltd) 'to be the architect for the provision of architectural and structural engineering services in the intended construction ("the Building Project") of a SCL Teleport at Subsection 1 of Section K of Tai Po Town Lot No. 13, New Territories, Hong Kong (the "site")'.

This is according to the Statement of Claim, attached to the Writ of Summons, filed recently in the High Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

It is alleged that a Mr Gilbert Pun, acting on behalf of Sky Citi-Link International, informed the Building Authority of the Government of the HKSAR on May 8, 2000 that Mr David Ho Man Chun, the Authorised Person of Sky Citi-Link International, 'had been appointed as the Authorized Person and coordinator in respect of the Building Project.' (Paragraph 3(a))

There followed a series of meeting, the Statement of Claim alleges, followed by a lengthy discussion with regard to the fees that would be charged by David Ho and Partners for its work in respect of the Building Project.

Paragraph 5 of the Statement of Claim alleges that a fee of \$HK10.50 million was agreed 'in or about June 2000'.

While the Statement of Claim alleges that an agreement had been reached, orally, in respect of the fees to be paid to David Ho and Partners, no draft contract was signed.

However, Sky Citi-Link International 'continued to give instructions from time to time to the Plaintiff (David Ho and Partners) to proceed with and to give their service as the architect of the Building Project after the Plaintiff had made clear by their letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2000 that they would not agree to anything less than HK\$10.5 million. '(Paragraph 6(vi))

On July 17, 2000, the contract for the foundation works of the Building Project was awarded to CT Construction Engineering Company Ltd, it is alleged at Paragraph 8.

David Ho and Partners continued to work on the Building Project up to February 24, 2001, when the structural plans for the building were submitted and approved by the Building Department of the Government of the HKSAR.

The architectural firm, then, sent its invoice to Sky Citi-Link International in the sum ... CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE

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