## LEADING BARRISTER IS SUED BY HIS LANDLORD – FOR THE NINTH TIME !

The son of a prominent barrister of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has become the target of his landlord – for the ninth time in past year.

It is becoming, almost, a monthly occurrence for Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine to be sued by Baynard Ltd, the management company for Hongkong Gold Coast, a New Territories's residential complex where Mr Swaine lives with his wife, Anna Chiara.

Baynard has been renting Flat A on the Ground Floor of Block 27, Phase 2D, Hongkong Gold Coast, Number One, Castle Peak Road, to the Swaines since August 21, 2000, along with 2 carparking spaces.

The rent on this property was agreed at \$HK73,000 per month, Baynard alleges, and was to be for 2 years, starting August 1, 2000.

The rent was exclusive of HKSAR Government rent, rates, management charges and all tenant's expenses and other outgoings.

The Tenancy Agreement stipulated that management charges would be \$HK7,950 per month, it is being alleged.

But it would appear that Mr Swaine has not paid any of the management charges for the months of March, August, September, October, November and December 2001, according to the corporate landlord.

This would indicate that Baynard is owed about \$HK47,700 up to February 2002.

**TOLFIN**'s records (**TOLFIN** is **TARGET**'s Computerised Online Financial Service) shows that Baynard sued the Swaines a total of 9 times since February 2001, with the grand total, coming up to more than \$HK1.39 million.

Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine is well used to receiving claims against him from various sources, including, but not limited to, the Government of the HKSAR.

**TOLFIN**'s records show that, since 1996, The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong has been after this barrister for taxation matters, aggregating about \$HK1.79 million.

Mr Swaine is thought to be about 43 years old, having been called to The Bar in the United Kingdom in 1985.

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