## HUDSON HOLDINGS LTD: <u>UP THE CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE, CHAIRMAN CHOI WAI HIM ?</u>

The Chairman of publicly listed Hudson Holdings Ltd (Code: 758, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) and, effectively, the Substantial Shareholder of Hudson Holdings have been taken to task over the matter of alleged bouncing cheques, in aggregate, said to be worth not less than \$HK28.12 million.

A Mr Wong Leung Cheung is the Plaintiff in Action Number 346, an Action that was filed in the High Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), just before the start of the 4-day, Chinese New Year festivities.

Mr Wong sued Perfect Land Ltd (First Defendant) and Mr Choi Wai Him (Second Defendant) in respect of 11 dud cheques, allegedly drawn on Overseas Trust Bank Ltd and Dao Heng Bank Ltd, all of which were said to have been drawn in favour of Mr Wong.

The First Defendant is the Substantial Shareholder of Hudson Holdings Ltd, holding about 46 percent of the Issued and Fully Paid-Up Share Capital, according to **TOLFIN** (**TARGET**'s Computerised Online Financial Service and Credit-Checking Provider).

Perfect Land Ltd, in turn, has, as its sole shareholder, Mr Choi Wai Him, the Second Defendant, who is the Chairman of Hudson Holdings.

Mr Wong alleges, in Paragraph 3 of the Statement of Claim, attached to the Writ of Summons, that Perfect Land issued to him 3 cheques 'for the total sum of \$(HK)1,279,000.00 all drawn by the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant in favour of the Plaintiff, full particulars whereof are set out hereunder, which cheques were all dishonoured and returned to the Plaintiff upon presentation for payment and with remarks from the bank (Overseas Trust Bank) stating "Refer to Drawer".'

With regard to the claims against Mr Choi Wai Him, Paragraph 5 follows a very similar line to that, taken in Paragraph 3 of the Statement of Claim, except that the amount of money, in this case, is \$HK12,469,111.43 and that all of the 8 cheques were said to have been drawn on Dao Heng Bank Ltd, Ice House Street Branch, Central, Hongkong.

Mr Wong claims that Perfect Land/Mr Choi Wai Him were informed about the cheques, being dishonoured by the 2 Hongkong banks, but such intelligence failed to dislodge any money from either of the 2 Defendants.

High Court Action Number 346 was issued just 5 days after the publication of <u>TARGET Intelligence Report</u>, <u>Volume V, Number 15: HUDSON HOLDINGS LTD: HOW BAD IS THE SITUATION, CHAIRMAN CHOI WAI HIM?</u>

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