TUNGDA INNOVATIVE LIGHTING HOLDINGS LTD: HAS SOMEBODY CRACKED A LIGHT BULB?

A dispute has broken out between a company, contracted to carry out a \$HK600,000-contract, and Tungda Innovative Lighting Holdings Ltd, a company which only went public on The Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, less than 7 months ago.

The amount of money, being claimed by Oriental Designs Ltd, the Plaintiff in a recently filed District Court Action, is the seemingly small sum of \$HK120,000 (at least, one would hope that this sum of money is considered small by Tungda Innovative, all things considered).

According to **TOLFIN** (**TARGET**'s Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Credit-Checking Provider), the Statement of Claim, attached to the District Court Writ of Summons, Number 719, there was a purported contract, dated August 31, 2002 – about 40 days after Tungda Innovative went public on The GEM – entered into between Oriental Designs and Tungda Innovative for some renovations works.

The contract was said to be \$HK600,000.

Paragraph 5 of that Statement of Claim alleges:

'Pursuant to the Contract the Plaintiff has duly carried out and completed the works under the Contract, where the works has been practically completed on or about 8^{th} October 2002.'

However, Paragraph 8 of the Statement of Claim alleges that Tungda Innovative 'has failed and refused and still fails and refused to pay' amounts of money, outstanding and due to Oriental Designs.

The aggregate amount of money, alleged due to the Plaintiff, is \$HK120,000, Paragraph 9 states.

Basically, that is the crux of the complaint of this Statement of Claim, and one is only left to speculate as to the reason that this matter has found its way to the District Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Tungda Innovative went public on The GEM on July 19, 2002, when it Placed 222 million New, one-cent Shares at a Premium of 24 cents per Share.

It gathered in about \$HK52 million from this flotation so that it would appear illogical to believe that this publicly listed company would renege on such a seemingly small matter, concerning just \$HK120,000.

Tungda Innovative is in the business of selling light bulbs, of one type or another, having been engaging in this business since 1993, the company's Placing Prospectus states.

The company reported a Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of about ... CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE

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