EHEALTHCAREASIA LTD : ERNST AND YOUNG SUES FOR \$HK1.12 MILLION

Ernst and Young Corporate Finance Ltd has slapped a Writ on publicly listed ehealthcareasia Ltd, seeking to recover about \$HK1.12 million from the publicly listed company.

ehealthcareasia Ltd is listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, Stock Code Number 835.

According to High Court Action Number 910, the claim from Ernst and Young goes back to August 2002 and was in respect of professional services, rendered to ehealthcareasia Ltd, at its request, it is alleged.

ehealthcareasia Ltd is a company that was, originally, established by Mr Brian Damian O'Connor, who was its Chairman until recently.

It was a subsidiary of Quality HealthCare Asia Ltd (Code: 593, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd), which was, also, Chaired by Mr O'Connor.

ehealthcareasia Ltd was sold to another group of companies in October 2002.

For the Financial Year, ended March 31, 2001, this company reported a Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about \$HK2.17 billion and, in the 2002 Year, it enjoyed another Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about \$HK282.62 million.

ehealthcareasia Ltd had borrowed \$HK20 million from Quality Healthcare, that sum of money, having been repaid following a successful Rights Issue, which resulted in ehealthcareasia Ltd, bagging \$HK35 million.

Ernst and Young were (are?) the auditors of ehealthcareasia Ltd and this accounting firm commented on July 25, 2002, stating, inter alia:

'In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in Note 2 to the financial statements concerning the adoption of the going concern basis on which the financial statements have been prepared ... the Group's operations generated a net loss during the year and negative cash flows. The Group also had a deficiency in assets of HK\$18,546,000 at the balance sheet date ... the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends upon the Group attaining profitable and cash positive operations in the longer term and, in the meantime, the successful outcome of the Group's financing arrangement ...'.

ehealthcareasia Ltd is now the charge of Mr Chen Wei Dong, the new Chairman, who is assisted by his Vice Chairman, Mr Chen Xiao Yong.

Mr O'Connor is thought, today, to be a 'corporate doctor' minus a patient ... CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE

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