## VANDA SYSTEMS AND COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LTD: SHORT-CHANGED OR SHORT-CIRCUITED?

Vanda Systems and Communications Holdings Ltd (Code: 757, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) appears to be about to lose its entire investment in the Nestar Group of Companies.

Nestar is 58 percent owned by Vanda Systems, which, in turn, is owned as to at least 29.60 percent by DBS Group Holdings Ltd of Singapore, the largest financial group in Asia.

A Winding-Up Petition has, recently, been filed in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) by China Hi-Tech Group Company Ltd, naming Nestar International (Hongkong) Ltd as China Hi-Tech's debtor.

Obviously, tired of waiting for its money, China Hi-Tech Group has gone for the jugular of Nestar.

According to **TOLFIN** (**TARGET**'s Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Credit-Checking Provider), the Nestar Group of Companies has been sued 8 times in the HKSAR since January, this year.

The aggregate amount of these 8 Actions is about \$HK18.50 million, according to TOLFIN's records.

The Nestar Group is in the business of the supply and design of networking systems for companies in Asia.

Vanda Systems is in the computer business, also, and that must have been the rationale behind Vanda Systems, controlled by Singaporeans, teaming up with Nestar.

But, no doubt, today, Vanda Systems rues the time that it made that determination for a number of reasons.

Recently, High Court Action Number 2489 was filed in the HKSAR, with the Plaintiff, Thorn Security (Hongkong) Ltd, claiming about \$HK17.58 million from the following Defendants:

Nestar Hongkong Ltd

Nestar International Holdings (BVI) Ltd

Nestar China Holding (BVI) Ltd

Nestar Holding Hongkong (BVI) Ltd

Nestar International Holding Ltd

First Defendant

Second Defendant

Third Defendant

Fourth Defendant

The Statement of Claim, attached to the Writ of Summons, alleges that Thorn Security has been a creditor of Comtech Engineering and Consultant Company Ltd since August 1997.

Comtech Engineering, in May 2002, 'began to transfer its business or parts of its business to the First Defendant or to some or all of the Defendants. Such transfer was a continuous process.' (Paragraph 10 of the Statement of Claim)

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