ARGOS ENTERPRISE (HOLDINGS) LTD: THE WORLD OF THE WONGS – REVISITED

And the claims against certain members of the Wong Family, of publicly listed <u>Argos Enterprise (Holdings) Ltd</u> (Code: 8022, The Growth Enterprise Market [The GEM] of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd), continue to pile up, as a finance company lays claim to about \$HK4 million from the Family, and, in addition, it is demanding to take possession of a piece of property, which appears, prima facie, to belong to a company, controlled by the Wongs.

The finance company is Preamble Properties Finance Ltd, a money lender, which is domiciled in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and which, recently, filed a claim in the HKSAR High Court against the following parties:

1.	Goldwave Company Ltd	1st Defendant
	Mr Wong Wah Sang, the Chairman of Argos erprise	2 nd Defendant
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	Mr Edward Wong Man Che, a son of Mr Wong h Sang	3 rd Defendant
4.	Mr John Wong Man Kon, a son of Mr Wong Wah	4 th Defendant
Sang		4 Defendant
5.	Mr Ronnie Wong Man Chiu, a son of Mr Wong	5 th Defendant
Wah Sang		3 Defendant

The latest claim is in respect of a piece of property, located at Sai Kung, the New Territories of the HKSAR, which was used as collateral for 2 loans, afforded by Preamble Properties to the 1st Defendant.

It is alleged, in the Statement of Claim, attached to the HKSAR Writ of Summons, that the Plaintiff would lend to Goldwave Company Ltd, the aggregate sum of \$HK3 million, using the Sai Kung property as collateral for the loans.

These 2 loan agreements, High Court Action Number 163 alleges, were dated October 25, 2002 and October 29, 2002.

The other 4 Defendants, all members of the Wong Family, were said to have been, and, clearly, remain, as guarantors of the loans, afforded to Goldwave Company.

Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Statement of Claim alleges:

'By the Loan Agreement dated 25^{th} October 2002 made between the Plaintiff and the 1^{st} Defendant ..., a loan in the sum of HK\$2,500,000.00 ... was granted to the 1^{st} Defendant. Under the First Loan Agreement, the interest for the First Loan was repayable monthly by 12 instalment being HK\$50,000.00 each from 25^{th} November 2002 to 25^{th} October 2003. The principal sum of HK\$2,500,000.00 should be payable on 25^{th} October 2003.

'By the Loan Agreement dated 29^{th} October 2002 made between the Plaintiff and the 1^{st} Defendant ..., a loan in the sum of HK\$500,000.00 ... was granted to the 1^{st} Defendant. Under the Second Loan Agreement, the interest for the Second Loan was repayable monthly by 12 instalments being HK\$10,000.00 each from 29^{th} November 2002 to 29^{th} October 2003. The principal sum of HK\$500,000.00 should be payable on 29^{th} October 2003.'

On March 25, 2003, it is alleged, at Paragraph 12, that Goldwave ... CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE

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