

**HON PO GROUP (LOBSTER KING) LTD:  
AUSSIE COMPANY WANTS TO GET PAID FOR ITS LOBSTERS**

The secret is out: [Hon Po Group \(Lobster King\) Ltd](#) (Code: 228, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) has been buying its lobsters from Australia.

At least, that used to be the case, but, now, it appears E. and B. Kolivas Nominees Pty Ltd will not be supplying this lobster restaurant with any more Antipodean crustaceans – because it is alleging that Hon Po Management Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hon Po Group (Lobster King) Ltd, has not paid its bill to this Australian company since September, last year.

And, accordingly, E. and B. Kolivas Nominees Pty Ltd has sued Hon Po Management Ltd for about \$HK2.63 million.

This information is contained in a recently filed Writ, lodged in the High Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

In the Statement of Claim, attached to High Court Action Number 2024, the Plaintiff (E. and B. Kolivas Nominees Pty Ltd) has made a claim in the sum of \$A479,264 (about \$HK2,631,159.36) from Hon Po Management Ltd *'being the price of live Rocklobster sold and delivered to the Defendant at the Defendant's request.'* (Paragraph One)

According to this Statement of Claim, the live rock lobsters were sold and delivered to Hon Po Management Ltd between September 18, 2003, and March 19, 2004.

E. and B. Kolivas Nominees Pty Ltd wants its money plus interest on the alleged amount, due and owing to it.

On August 27, 2004, this medium reported that a former employee of a wholly owned subsidiary of Hon Po Group (Lobster King) Ltd had applied to The Legal Aid Department of the Government of the HKSAR to assist in getting back wages.

That action followed an application to The Labour Department where judgment was rendered in the Claimant's favour.

As a result, The Legal Aid Department, acting on behalf of its client, a person by the name of Choi Yuet Seung, petitioned the winding up of Milibless International Development Ltd, another wholly owned subsidiary of Hon Po Group (Lobster King) Ltd, against which The Labour Department had already found that it should pay back wages to Choi Yuet Seung.

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