WATER OASIS GROUP LTD: CHECK THOSE IDENTITY CARDS, FIRST!

Publicly listed Water Oasis Group Ltd (Code: 1161, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) appears to be on a hiding to nothing.

Because it appears that, through its wholly owned subsidiary, it entered into a contract with a minor: The contract is likely to be voidable on those grounds, alone.

The minor is Ms Hui Yee Fung who, clearly, has had the assistance of a solicitor of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in presenting her case to the Small Claims Tribunal and the District Court where she is claiming the return of \$HK47,040.

Water Oasis is having to defend its actions with regard to entering into a purported contract, or contracts, with a 16-year-old minor.

According to Ms Hui Yee Fung, on July 14, 2004, she entered into a number of contracts with Water Oasis Company Ltd for some cosmetics and other services via Water Oasis's Lockhart Road Branch office.

Ms Hui Yee Fung alleges that she spent, in total, \$HK47,040, using a MasterCard to pay for her purchases for the most part.

She purchased the goods, she claims, relying on false statements, allegedly made by employees of Water Oasis.

She claims that she returned the goods on August 4, 2004, but Water Oasis refuses to return her money.

Ms Hui Yee Fung has had, in all, 4 goes at Water Oasis, the dates of the Hearings of her Claims, filed in The Small Claims Tribunal, being October 19, 2004 (2 Claims), and, on October 27, 2004, she filed 2 cases in the HKSAR District Court.

Aside from the Claims, made by Ms Hui Yee Fung, Water Oasis Company Ltd, the wholly owned subsidiary of Water Oasis Group Ltd, was, also, the Defendant in 2 other Small Claims Actions, one brought by Ms Wong Yin Ha on May 25, 2004, and one brought by (PUT IN NAME, TRANSLITERATION IS OK) on July 23, 2004.

The amount of money in respect of any claim, lodged in the Small Claims Tribunal of the HKSAR, cannot exceed \$HK50,000 per Claim so that it is interesting that this successful purveyor of cosmetics and what-have-you would permit any mildly disgruntled customer to seek redress in an open forum, such as the Small Claims Tribunal.

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