STYLAND HOLDINGS LTD: DID THE COMPANY ENGAGE IN CRIMINAL ACTS ? <u>THE GOVERNMENT SAYS: YES !</u>

Three wholly owned subsidiaries of publicly listed Styland Holdings Ltd (Code: 211, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) have been nobbled by the Government of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The implications of the allegations, made by the HKSAR Government, suggest, definitively, that certain companies within the Styland Group had engaged in acts, which are/were contrary to the laws of the territory.

According to **TOLFIN**'s Magistrates' Court Actions (**TOLFIN**: The Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider), the HKSAR Government has issued legal proceedings, alleging, inter alia, that the 3 Styland subsidiaries have all been acting illegally.

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1.	Case Number ESMP 2547	
	Ever-Long Finance Ltd	Money Lender Licence
2.	Case Number NKS 3001	
	Styland Finance Company Ltd	Failure to Pay Business Registration Fee
3.	Case Number ESMP 1141	
	Ever-Long Capital Ltd	Money Lender Licence

The implications of any/all of the above, if there is merit to the Government's allegations, mean that the 3, wholly owned subsidiaries have all been acting ultra vires their respective Memorandum and Articles of Association, as well as acting, contrary to the laws of the HKSAR.

As such, one has to wonder whether or not any/all acts, perpetrated by the 3 Styland subsidiaries, during the period of alleged non-compliance with the laws of the HKSAR, are null and void on the grounds that the Styland subsidiaries were not empowered to act as such in the first instance.

In respect of Ever-Long Capital Ltd and Ever-Long Finance Ltd, the Government's case must be a prima facie one because any demand for a company to front up before a Magistrate of the HKSAR on charges, relating to a Money Lender's Licence, must be considered a serious matter due to the fact that the lending of money, as a core business activity of a corporate entity, is a closely monitored and highly regulated industry in the territory.

The issuance of a Money Lender's Licence is only granted after careful scrutiny of the applicant in the same way that The Commissioner of Banking, whose authority is vested in Chapter 155, The Banking Ordinance, issues banking licences to institutions whose capital base is considered adequate and whose principals have been vetted in order to ascertain their bona fides.

All of the above cases, brought by the HKSAR Government against the 3 Styland subsidiaries, are, clearly, of a criminal nature.

The Rainbow Connection

Styland played a very active part in the former affairs of <u>Rainbow International Holdings Ltd</u> (Code: 8079, The Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd).

Rainbow International is, now, known as B.A.L. Holdings Ltd.

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