LIVASIRI AND COMPANY: SOLICITORS' FIRM STANDS ACCUSED

Over the past few years, a select band of solicitors and barristers of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) have managed to eke their way into the pages of **TARGET**.

They managed to accomplish this feat, to be mentioned, prominently, in the pages of this medium, by being accused, publicly, of not paying for this and that.

The most-common accusation, lodged against HKSAR solicitors and barristers, whose names appeared in the pages of **TARGET**, was of not paying rent, either of offices, in which they practised their trade, or of residences, in which they lived.

Today, a new name has been added to this very select clique: Livasiri and Company (廖綺雲律師事務所).

And, Livasiri and Company appears to have broken new ground: It has been accused of (a) not paying rent on its rented offices in Central Hongkong and (b) not paying some of its former staff members.

According to MTR Corporation Ltd, Livasiri and Company owes it \$HK142,740, that amount of money, being 2 months' rent which, allegedly, this solicitors' firm has failed, for one reason or another, to pay to MTR Corporation.

The rent was due on the rented premises of Livasiri and Company, namely:

Suites 1913, 19th Floor, Two International Finance Centre, The HKSAR.

TARGET had noted that, in May and July this year, Livasiri and Company had been sued in the HKSAR District Court and HKSAR The Labour Tribunal, respectively, with regard to what appeared to have been moneys, allegedly owed to 2 former employees of this illustrious firm of solicitors, headed by Messrs David Fan Chun Shing (范振成) and David Cheung Wai Hung (張偉雄).

In District Court Action Number 1533, lodged on May 20, 2005, Mr Chong Hoi Ling (庄海岐) laid a Claim against Livasiri and Company and Mr David Fan Chun Shing in respect of the Registration of a Labour Tribunal Award.

Two months and one day later, exactly, Ms Rose Chan Yei San (陳綺珊) had a Hearing in The Labour Tribunal, at which time, Livasiri and Company and its 2 Partners, Messrs David Fan Chun Shing and David Cheung Wai Hung, were named as the Defendants.

It would appear, according to the database of **TOLFIN** (The Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider), that Livasiri and Company and its Partners are drawn to defending Actions in the District Court and, in most cases, it is in respect of the Registration of Labour Tribunal Awards.

In the year 2003, Livasiri and Company and its Partners were named as Defendants in 3 separate Actions with regard to the Registration of Labour Tribunal Awards.

On July 14, 2003, Stephen Lau and Company sued Livasiri and Company for \$HK198,100 for alleged Services Rendered. According to ... <u>click to order full article</u>

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