

**JACKIN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD:
JOHNSON STOKES AND MASTER SUES FOR NEARLY \$HK9 MILLION**

The solicitors' firm of Johnson Stokes and Master () has filed a Writ in the High Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), seeking what must amount to nearly \$HK9 million from the following Defendants:

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| 1. Jackin Total Fulfilment Services Ltd | First Defendant |
| 2. Ms Helena Ho Yin King | Second Defendant |

Jackin Total Fulfilment Services Ltd () is a wholly owned subsidiary of [Jackin International Holdings Ltd \(\)](#) (Code: 630, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd).

Ms Helena Ho Yin King () is the Chairperson of Jackin International Holdings Ltd.

The case for Johnson Stokes and Master is that it, allegedly, acted for the First Defendant in respect of Arbitration Proceedings that the First Defendant commenced in Shanghai, the PRC, proper, as opposed to the HKSAR of the PRC, in August 2000.

Johnson Stokes and Master, initially, replaced another firm of solicitors in the Arbitration Proceedings.

In January 2002, however, the services of Johnson Stokes and Master were terminated by the First Defendant *'as the 1st Defendant considered that the estimated legal costs quoted by the Plaintiff for attending to the remaining part of the Arbitration was on the high side ...'*

Jackin Total Fulfilment Services Ltd, then, instructed another firm of solicitors to act in the Arbitration Proceedings (**'Firm B'**, as the Writ of Summons refers to this solicitors' firm).

However, on or about July 18, 2003, Johnson Stokes and Master was back in the Arbitration Proceedings, again, having been instructed by the First Defendant *'to act for it again in the Arbitration in lieu of their then solicitors ("Firm C") who were then acting for the 1st Defendant ...'*

It is, then, alleged in the Statement of Claim, attached to HKSAR High Court Action, Number 304, that at the time that Johnson Stokes and Master took over the Arbitration Proceedings from the previous firm of solicitors, *'there were disputes between the 1st Defendant and Firm B and Firm C respectively, on the issue of fees.'*

The matter was, subsequently, resolved with Jackin Total Fulfilment Services Ltd, paying Firm B that which was, allegedly, owed.

As for Firm C, however, another firm of solicitors was brought into the picture in order *'to act in respect of the resolution of Firm C's preliminary and final bills in the total sum of HK\$73,270.88.'*

Johnson Stokes and Master, on instructions from the First Defendant, employed the services of Mr Richard Fernyhough, Queen's Counsel, *'to advise and appear for the 1st Defendant at the Quantum Hearing.'* (of the Shanghai Arbitration Proceedings)

Between August 2003 and October 2004, Johnson Stokes and Master alleges that it issued a total of 15 bills on a monthly basis in respect of professional services, rendered in the Arbitration Proceedings.

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