RONALD EDWARD MAYNE Q.C.: ONCE AGAIN, THIS BARRISTER IS SUED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES

After an absence of a little less than one year, the name of Mr <u>Ronald Edward Mayne</u>, Queen's Counsel, has popped up, once again, in the District Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

And, once again, it is The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong, who has issued a challenge to this notorious barrister, demanding payment of \$HK302,760, that amount of money, being allegedly due and owing to the Hongkong Government with regard to taxation matters.

The last time that **TARGET** () wrote about Mr Ronald Edward Mayne Q.C., also known as Mr Ronald E. Mayne Q.C., Mr R. E. Mayne and/or Mr Ronald Mayne, it was on October 10, 2001, contained in TARGET Intelligence Report, Volume III, Number 189.

In that exclusive report, this medium published the fact that Mr Ronald Edward Mayne Q.C. had been the recipient of a Bankruptcy Notice.

The Petitioner, on that occasion, was Hang Wah Chong Investment Company Ltd (), this medium reported.

Hang Wah Chong Investment Company Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of CITIC Pacific Ltd () (Code: 267, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd).

It is highly unlikely that Mr Ronald Edward Mayne Q.C. was very shocked by this Request to Issue a Bankruptcy Notice because he had successfully fended off 2 other such Requests, one on October 18, 1996, and one on March 18, 1997.

Those 2 Requests had been launched by Hang Seng Bank Ltd () (Code: 11, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) and Tak Shing Investment Company Ltd, respectively, according to the database of **TOLFIN** () (The Computerised, Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider).

TOLFIN's records show that, on July 31, 1996, Hang Seng Bank Ltd sued Mr Ronald Edward Mayne Q.C. for \$HK683,718.93, being, allegedly, an amount of money, due and owing.

As for Tak Shing Investment Company, it sued Mr Ronald Edward Mayne Q.C. on July 10, 1996, for about \$HK151,630, being, allegedly, an amount of money, due and owing.

Also, according to the records of **TOLFIN**, between April 15, 1996, and April 12, 2000, The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong sued Mr Ronald Edward Mayne Q.C. not less than 5 times in the HKSAR District in respect of alleged non-payment of tax matters.

Since that April 2000 Claim, the Commissioner has launched a total of 7 other Claims against Mr Ronald Edward Mayne Q.C., all for, allegedly, unpaid tax matters.

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