

HKSAR INSURANCE HOTSHOT IS SUED BY SOLICITORS' FIRM

After an absence of some 2 years, the name of Mr Anthony Langridge has reappeared as a Defendant in an Action, filed in the District Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The last time that **TARGET** () had reason to write about this gentleman was when The Bank of East Asia Ltd () (Code: 23, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) sued Mr Anthony Langridge for \$HK11,968,590.50 in respect of alleged Money Due and Owing.

Now, Mr Anthony Langridge has been sued by the HKSAR solicitors' firm of Richards Butler () (First Plaintiff) and Mr Godfrey Alexander Blott (Second Plaintiff) for \$HK278,187.00.

In the Statement of Claim, attached to District Court Action, Number 1599, it is alleged that, of the total amount of the claim, the sum of \$HK128,567.00 is due and owing to the First Plaintiff, and \$HK149,620.00 is due and owing to the Second Plaintiff.

The amount of money, due and owing to Richards Butler, is said to be in respect of *'legal services rendered ... between 28 September 1999 and 30 June 2000.'*

With regard to the amount of money, allegedly owed to Mr Godfrey Alexander Blott by the Defendant, it is claimed that this *'is the outstanding balance of a loan of HK\$700,000 made by the 2nd Plaintiff to the Defendant on or around 15th July 2002.'*

It is alleged, at Paragraph 6 of the Statement of Claim, that, as at September 20, 2004, Mr Anthony Langridge *'owed a total of HK\$438,186.57 to the 1st Plaintiff in respect of its legal fees and disbursements as set out in four invoices rendered to the Defendant ...'.*

The particulars of the invoices are dated between February 2000 and October 2000.

Richards Butler states that it informed Mr Anthony Langridge that it had been instructed by the Second Plaintiff *'to collect the sum due to the 2nd Plaintiff on behalf of the 2nd Plaintiff, and that the total outstanding sum due of HK\$948,187.00 should be paid to the 1st Plaintiff.'*

It is alleged, at Paragraph 9 of the Statement of Claim, that Richards Butler received from the Defendant, in total, 10 postdated cheques, dated between November 10, 2004, and January 23, 2006, ranging from \$HK10,000 (cheque dated November 30, 2004) to \$HK300,000 (cheque dated July 22, 2005).

It is alleged that the last cheque in payment of the amount of \$HK60,000 in respect of the agreed schedule of payments, due on January 23, 2006, was dishonoured upon presentation.

That left an outstanding balance of \$HK278,187, due and owing, it is alleged.

Despite repeated demands, Richards Butler alleges that it has been unable to shake any money out of the Anthony Langridge *'tree'*.

Mr Anthony Langridge is, among other things, the Deputy Chairman of AON Insurance Agencies (Hongkong) Ltd ().

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