HONGKONG SOLICITOR CLAIMS HE HAS BEEN DUPED TO THE TUNE OF MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

On scanning the Statement of Claim, attached to the Writ of Summons, Number 1578 of 2013, lodged in the High Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), last Tuesday (August 27), one cannot help in coming to conclusion that a senior, HKSAR solicitor has been taken for a multimillion dollar '*ride*'.

That is inferred, in somewhat definitive terms, in the Nine-Page Statement of Claim.

The HKSAR solicitor is Mr Mark Lovell Side, the Plaintiff in Action Number 1578, the Defendant, being Mr Prakash Hiranand Bharwani, an ethnic Indian resident of the HKSAR.

Mr Mark Lovell Side is a Partner of the solicitors' firm of Tanner De Witt. He is the Head of Litigation and Dispute Resolution.

Mr Mark Lovell Side resides at

Room 4307, Southorn Garden, Number Two, O'Brien Road, Wanchai, Hongkong Island.

Mr Prakash Hiranand Bharwani is, inter alia, a Director of K. Aloomall (Hongkong) Ltd, located at Number 40, Wyndham Street, Central Hongkong. His home address is

Flat D, 27th Floor, Tower Three, Tregunter Path, Mid-Levels, Hongkong Island.

About one month prior to the filing of Writ of Summons, Number 1578 of 2013, Mr Mark Lovell Side was sued in the HKSAR High Court in Action Number 1410 of 2013.

The Plaintiff in that Writ, Statement of Claim attached, was Mr Vinod Lachman Mahtani.

That Writ alleged that Mr Mark Lovell Side and two of his friends – Mr Timothy John Darton and Ms Jessica Park – 'were creditors of Prakash' (Mr Prakash Hiranand Bharwani) who, on March 4, 2013, and March 6, 2013, 'respectively assigned to the Defendant (Mr Mark Lovell Side) all debts owed to them by Prakash.'.

These allegations, contained in that Statement of Claim, coupled with the allegations, contained in the Writ of Summons of August 27, 2013, tended to lend credence to a number of the allegations that Mr Mark Lovell Side has made in respect of Mr Prakash Hiranand Bharwani.

More about Writ of Summons, Number 1410, later in this **TARGET** () report.

Writ of Summons, Number 1578

The Statement of Claim, at Paragraph 3, alleges that Mr Mark Lovell Side (the Plaintiff) and Mr Prakash Hiranand Bharwani (the Defendant) had known each other since 2007 when the Plaintiff had acted as the solicitor for the Defendant.

Paragraph 5 ... <u>click to order full article</u>

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