

Claim nature:

- A. * ~~Monetary Claim / Non-Monetary Claim~~ / Mixed Claim
B. Tort

No. 1
Writ of Summons
(Order 6 rule 1)

HCA 2126 / 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE
ACTION NO. 2126 OF 2025

BETWEEN

DIGITAL CROWN HOLDINGS (H.K.)
LIMITED (亮碧思集團(香港)有限公司) trading
as "DC" (suing on its own behalf and on the
behalf of all its independent distributors,
employees and servants)

1st Plaintiff

BELLE VENTURE HOLDING (HK) LIMITED
trading as "BELLE VENTURE" and "BV"
(suing on its own behalf and on the behalf of all
its independent distributors, employees and
servants)

2nd Plaintiff

FRANCINE HOLDING LIMITED (弗朗爾集團
有限公司) trading as "FRANCINE" and "FH"
(suing on its own behalf and on the behalf of all
its independent distributors, employees and
servants)

3rd Plaintiff

SIBELLAC HOLDINGS LIMITED (詩貝朗集團
有限公司) trading as "SIBELLAC" (suing on its
own behalf and on the behalf of all its
independent distributors, employees and
servants)

4th Plaintiff

and

SING TAO NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED

Defendant

TO THE DEFENDANT, SING TAO NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED of Sing Tao News Corporation Building, 7 Chun Cheong Street, Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories.

THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS has been issued against you by the above-named Plaintiffs in respect of the claim set out on the back.

Within (14 days) after the service of this Writ on you, counting the day of service, you must either satisfy the claim or return to the Registry of the High Court the accompanying

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE stating therein whether you intend to contest these proceedings or to make an admission.

If you fail to satisfy the claim or to return the Acknowledgment within the time stated, or if you return the Acknowledgment without stating therein an intention to contest the proceedings or to make an admission, the Plaintiffs may proceed with the action and judgment may be entered against you forthwith without further notice.

*[If you intend to make an admission, you may complete an appropriate form enclosed in accordance with the accompanying Directions for Acknowledgment of Service.]

Issued from the Registry of the High Court this day of 2025

13 NOV 2025

Registrar

Note: – This Writ may not be served later than 12 calendar months beginning with that date unless renewed by order of the Court.

IMPORTANT

Directions for Acknowledgment of Service are given with the accompanying form.

*Where words appear between square brackets delete if inapplicable.

*(Signed if statement of claim indorsed.)

A statement of claim must be verified by a statement of truth in accordance with Order 41A of the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4 sub. leg. A).

(Where the Plaintiffs' claim is for a debt or liquidated demand only: If, within the time for returning the Acknowledgment of Service, the Defendant pays the amount claimed and \$ _____ for costs, further proceedings will be stayed. The money must be paid to the Plaintiffs or their Solicitor.)

THIS WRIT was issued by Messrs. Wong and Tang, Solicitors of Units 2001-2, 2012 & 2310, 20/F & 23/F, CC Wu Building, 302-308 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, Solicitors for the 1st Plaintiff of 3301A & 3302B, 33/F., World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong; for the 2nd Plaintiff of 3301A, 33/F., World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong; for the 3rd Plaintiff of 3301, 33/F., World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong; and for the 4th Plaintiff of G/F and Basement Level 1, New East Ocean Centre, No. 9 Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong.



MESSRS. WONG & TANG

Solicitors for the 1st to 4th Plaintiffs

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trading as “FRANCINE” and “FH” (suing on its own behalf and on the behalf of all its independent distributors, employees and servants)

SIBELLAC HOLDINGS LIMITED (詩貝朗集團有限公司) **4th Plaintiff**
trading as “SIBELLAC” (suing on its own behalf and on the behalf of all its independent distributors, employees and servants)

and

SING TAO NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED **Defendant**

INDORSEMENT OF CLAIM

1. Insofar as the 1st to 4th Plaintiffs (collectively, the “**Plaintiffs**”) are concerned, at all material times:-

- (1) The 1st Plaintiff, Digital Crown Holdings (H.K.) Limited (亮碧思集團(香港)有限公司), was and is trading as “DC” and also known as “DCHL” and “LB”;
- (2) The 2nd Plaintiff, Belle Venture Holding (HK) Limited, was and is trading as “BELLE VENTURE” and “BV”;
- (3) The 3rd Plaintiff, Francine Holding Limited (弗朗爾集團有限公司), was and is trading as “FRANCINE” and “FH”; and
- (4) The 4th Plaintiff, Sibellac Holdings Limited (詩貝朗集團有限公司), was and is trading as “SIBELLAC” and also known as “SH”.

2. Insofar as the Defendant is concerned, at all material times:-

- (1) The Defendant is one of Hong Kong’s oldest and most well-established Chinese-language newspapers and media companies, founded in 1938.
- (2) To stay aligned with market trends, the Defendant expanded its media operations beyond traditional newspapers by launching innovative media platforms across multiple business channels. This includes extending its reach to magazines and online news outlets, making its content accessible both locally and internationally in countries such as the United States and Canada.
- (3) Primarily, the Defendant caters to various market segments and audiences through its three main editorial publications: Sing Tao Daily (星島日報), a traditional paid Chinese-language newspaper with global editions that are widely circulated; Sing Tao Headline (星島頭條), a free Chinese-language newspaper distributed on the street and online to deliver concise news updates for the mass market readers; and

East Week (東周), a magazine available in both print and digital formats that provides in-depth content tailored to specific interests of readers.

3. Upon discovery in November 2025, several news articles (inclusive of a video footage, photos and screenshots depicting the Plaintiffs' business premises, address, trading name, products and internal documents) were published by Sing Tao Headline and East Week, alleging that the Plaintiffs were operating their independent distributorship businesses in Hong Kong in a manner similar to the notorious scam centre KK Park (港版「KK園」).
4. The titles of various news articles are as follows:-
 - (1) Sing Tao Headline published a news article titled “港女墮港版「KK園」！「契家姐請人」作餌設局「見工」禁錮式洗腦 5 小時 嘔錢「呢個數」先走得 | Juicy 叮” on 8 November 2025 at <<https://www.stheadline.com/local-topics/3515959/>>;
 - (2) East Week published a news article titled “港版「KK園」？ | 朋友以介紹筍工設局 女網民「見工」遭疲勞轟炸 5 粒鐘 畀錢先甩到身 ” on 8 November 2025 at <<https://eastweek.stheadline.com/witness/15482/>>;
 - (3) A news article titled “港女墮港版「KK園」！「契家姐請人」作餌設局「見工」禁錮式洗腦 5 小時 嘔錢「呢個數」先走得 | Juicy 叮” was published on <https://www.singtao.ca> (“**Sing Tao Canada**”) on 7 November 2025 at <<https://www.singtao.ca/7325245/2025-11-07/news-%E6%B8%AF%E5%A5%B3%E5%A2%AE%E6%B8%AF%E7%89%88%E3%80%8CKK%E5%9C%92%E3%80%8D%E3%80%8D%E3%80%8C%E5%A5%91%E5%AE%B6%E5%A7%90%E8%AB%8B%E4%BA%BA%E3%80%8D%E4%BD%9C%E9%A4%8C%E8%A8%AD%E5%B1%80%E3%80%8C%E8%A6%8B%E5%B7%A5%E3%80%8D/?variant=zh-hk>>; and

- (4) A news article with a video in circulation titled “港女墮港版「KK園」！「契家姐請人」作餌設局「見工」 禁錮式洗腦 5 小時 嘔錢「呢個數」先走得 | Juicy 叮” was published on <https://www.singtao.tv/> (星電視) (“Sing Tao USA”) on 8 November 2025 at [\(Collectively, “Defamatory Articles”\).](https://www.singtao.tv/main/newsreport/hongkongnews/%E6%B8%AF%E5%A5%B3%E5%A2%AE%E6%B8%AF%E7%89%88%E3%80%8Ckk%E5%9C%92%E3%80%8D%E7%BD%9C%E3%80%8C%E5%A5%91%E5%AE%B6%E5%A7%90%E8%AB%8B%E4%BA%BA%E3%80%8D%E4%BD%9C%E9%A4%8C%E8%A8%AD%E5%B1%80%E3%80%8C%E8%A6%8B/>”</p></div><div data-bbox=)

5. The Defamatory Articles posted thereon explicitly contain defamatory contents, objectionable and/or otherwise unlawful statements and comments against the Plaintiffs and their respective independent distributors, employees, and servants, over which the Defendant has full authority regarding all content within the Defamatory Articles published by local publications Sing Tao Headline and East Week and overseas publications Sing Tao Canada and Sing Tao USA. The defamatory contents in question include:-

- (1) “作餌設局”;
- (2) “誘騙”;
- (3) “禁錮式洗腦”;
- (4) “傳銷公司”;
- (5) “疲勞轟炸式地推銷”;
- (6) “實際就係想洗我腦”;
- (7) “被迫付錢”;
- (8) “呃 X 你”;
- (9) “騙徒巢穴”;
- (10) “典型的傳銷套路”;
- (11) “離譜傳銷手段”;
- (12) “層壓式推銷”;

- (13) “出名的傳銷聖地”；
- (14) “詐騙手法大同小異”；and
- (15) “洗腦式推銷騙人入局”.

6. By way of innuendo to the Plaintiffs (and others to whom the statements complained of might spread), the aforementioned defamatory contents invariably bore and/or would be understood to bear the meaning that the Plaintiffs and their respective independent distributors, employees, and servants are fraudsters and have engaged in unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices through pyramid schemes, involving brainwashing individuals into entering contractual relationships with the Plaintiffs as independent distributors.
7. With no grounds to conclude that the defamatory contents may be true, nor does it possess any proper evidence whatsoever to justify that the Plaintiffs' businesses were illegal and/or fraudulent, the publication and dissemination of such by the Defendant is deliberately aimed at disparaging the reputation of the Plaintiffs (and their distributors, employees and servants) in the eyes of the public, with a malicious intent to cause the Plaintiffs to be exposed to serious public hatred, contempt and/or ridicule, and to gravely injure and prejudice the Plaintiffs' goodwill and their chances of success in business.
8. Despite the Plaintiffs' legal representatives initiating a pre-action procedure by sending a letter to Sing Tao Magazine Group Limited and an email to the Defendant, both dated 10 November 2025, specifically notifying the Defendant of the presence of the Defamatory Articles and demanding their permanent removal from all accessible online platforms, the Defendant has failed and/or refused, and continues to fail and/or refuse as of this date, to remove and/or delete the Defamatory Articles in their entirety.
9. Since 2021, the Plaintiffs have obtained an injunction order under an existing high court action HCA 2065/2020 against any persons unlawfully and wilfully conducted themselves in the publication and/or dissemination of the defamatory contents, objectionable and/or otherwise unlawful posts and comments, together with statements of offensive, intimidating, molesting, harassing, doxing nature, which contained private and confidential information and/or personal privacy data of the Plaintiffs and

their respective independent distributors, employees, and servants on various social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram (the “**Injunction Order**”).

10. The Injunction Order was further varied and continued on 28 February 2025 to include the restraint of publication and dissemination of defamatory posts on various new social media platforms including Threads, YouTube, Tencent, Xiaohongshu and Douyin.
11. In light of the Injunction Order in effect, the Plaintiffs’ legal representatives previously notified the Defendant as early as 2023 of the existence of the Injunction Order through its editorial teams and journalists, including the Editor-in-Chief of Sing Tao Daily (星島日報) and Headline Daily (頭條日報), the Executive Editor-in-Chief of East Week Magazine (東周刊), and a reporter of Sing Tao Daily, of an intended High Court application for an Order for Committal due to the breach of the Injunction Order. The breach involved the publication of online and magazine articles alleging that the Plaintiffs were engaged in unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices (including but not limited to pyramid schemes) and were fraudsters.
12. Despite prior warnings issued to the Defendant regarding the existence of the Injunction Order and the significance of abstaining from publishing defamatory content against the Plaintiffs, the issue reemerged in November 2025. By knowingly permitting and/or allowing any defamatory contents to remain in circulation and be repeated after reasonable opportunities to remove the same, the Defendant has consented to or ratified the continued misuse and/or unlawful dissemination and publication of the defamatory contents against the Plaintiffs on all accessible platforms controlled by the Defendant. As a result, the Plaintiffs thereby suffered loss and damage.
13. The Plaintiffs reserve the right to add further intended defendants beyond the Defendant to target the personnel who had ultimate authority over, and were responsible for approving and confirming the contents of the Defamatory Articles before their publication.
14. The Plaintiffs will rely upon claims of defamation and seek damages based on the torts of libel, and/or procuring and/or inducing breach of contract.

AND THE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM AGAINST THE DEFENDANT FOR:-

1. An injunction restraining the Defendant, whether acting by itself, its servants or agents or otherwise howsoever, from publishing and/or disseminating: -
 - (a) the Defamatory Articles;
 - (b) any contents to the effect that the Plaintiffs, their respective independent distributors, employees and servants, have carried out unlawful and/or fraudulent business (including but not limited to pyramid scheme(s)) and are fraudsters;
 - (c) any contents to the effect that the Plaintiffs, their respective independent distributors, employees and servants, have misrepresented and/or provided false trade descriptions regarding their products, including claims about the value and source of these products;
 - (d) any contents to the effect that the Plaintiffs, their respective independent distributors, employees and servants, have been inducing, coercing and/or brainwashing people to enter into contractual relationships with the Plaintiffs as independent distributors; and
 - (e) any contents that were known to be false, or recklessly, not caring whether they were true or false and/or with no dishonest belief that they were true.
2. An order that the Defendant, whether acting by itself, its servants or agents or otherwise howsoever, do forthwith remove or cause to remove the Defamatory Articles;
3. Damages to be assessed, for torts of libel, and/or procuring and/or inducing breach of contract;

4. Interest pursuant to section(s) 48 and/or 49 of the High Court Ordinance (Cap. 4) and/or compound interest pursuant to this Honourable Court's equitable jurisdiction;
5. Costs; and
6. Further and/or other relief.

Dated this 13th day of November 2025.

Lawrence Luk
Counsel for the 1st to 4th Plaintiffs

MESSRS. WONG & TANG
Solicitors for the 1st to 4th Plaintiffs

BETWEEN

4th Plaintiff

SING TAO NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED

Defendant

See Notes 1,
3, 4 and 5.

-
1. State the full name of the Defendant by whom or on whose behalf the service of the Writ is being acknowledged.
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2. State whether the Defendant intends to contest the proceedings (tick appropriate box)

yes ☐ no ☐

See Direction 3.

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3. If the only remedy that the Plaintiff is seeking is the payment of a liquidated amount of money or the payment of an unliquidated amount of money, state whether the Defendant intends to make an admission (tick appropriate box).

yes ☐ no ☐

If yes, the Defendant may make the admission by completing Form No. 16 or 16C (as the case may require) accompanying the Writ of Summons.

Where words
appear between
square brackets,
delete if
inapplicable

Service of the Writ is acknowledged accordingly.

(Signed) [Solicitor] ()
[Defendant in person]

Address for service

Notes as to Address for Service

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Ref.: [KW/10149-10152/2022/MIS]

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3, 4 and 5.

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1. State the full name of the Defendant by whom or on whose behalf the service of the Writ is being acknowledged.
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7. State whether the Defendant intends to contest the proceedings (tick appropriate box)

yes ☐ no ☐

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3. If the only remedy that the Plaintiff is seeking is the payment of a liquidated amount of money or the payment of an unliquidated amount of money, state whether the Defendant intends to make an admission (tick appropriate box).

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE
OF WRIT OF SUMMONS**

If you intend to instruct a Solicitor to act for you, give him this form IMMEDIATELY.

Important. Read the accompanying directions and notes for guidance carefully before completing this form. If any information required is omitted or given wrongly, THIS FORM MAY HAVE TO BE RETURNED.

Delay may result in judgment being entered against a Defendant whereby he or his Solicitor may have to pay the costs of applying to set it aside.

See Notes 1,
3, 4 and 5.

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1. State the full name of the Defendant by whom or on whose behalf the service of the Writ is being acknowledged.
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8. State whether the Defendant intends to contest the proceedings (tick appropriate box)

yes ☐ no ☐

See Direction 3.

3. If the only remedy that the Plaintiff is seeking is the payment of a liquidated amount of money or the payment of an unliquidated amount of money, state whether the Defendant intends to make an admission (tick appropriate box).

yes ☐ no ☐

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No. 16C
Admission (unliquidated amount)
(Order 13A rules 6(2), 7(2) & 13(2))

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Explanatory Note

1. The only claim the plaintiff has made against you is for an unliquidated amount of money. You may admit the plaintiff's claim in whole or in part by completing this form –
 - (a) within the period for service of your defence if you have been served with a writ; *or*
 - (b) the period for filing of your affidavit evidence if you have been served with an originating summons; *or*
 - (c) within 14 days after service of the originating process in any other case.
2. If you have made an admission, you may only be allowed to amend or withdraw your admission if the Court considers it just to do so.
3. You may offer a specified amount to satisfy the claim. If the amount you offer is accepted by the plaintiff, the plaintiff may request the Court to enter judgment against you for that amount. Alternatively, the plaintiff may request the court to enter judgment against you for an amount to be decided by the Court and costs.
4. You may also ask for time to pay. If the plaintiff does not accept your proposal for payment, the Court will decide how the payment should be made after considering –
 - (a) the information set out in this form;

- (b) the reasons why the plaintiff does not accept your proposal for payment; and
(c) all other relevant matters.

5. The completed form should be filed in the Registry of the High Court.

How to fill in this form

- Tick the correct boxes and give as much information as you can. **Then sign and date the form.** If necessary provide details on a separate sheet, add the action number and attach it to this form.
- If you do not ask for time to pay, you need not complete items 2 to 9 and 11 and 12.
- If you are not an individual, you need not complete items 1 to 9 but you should complete items 10 to 12 and ensure that you comply with the requirement specified in item 13 and provide sufficient details about the assets and liabilities of your firm, company or corporation to support any offer of payment made.
- If you are an individual, you need not complete items 10 to 12 and need not comply with the requirement specified in item 13.
- You can get help to complete this form at the Registry of the High Court.

Part A Response to claim *(tick one box only)*

- ☐ I admit liability for the whole claim but want the Court to decide the amount I should pay (if you tick this box, you need not complete Part B and items 2 to 9, 11 and 12 and need not comply with the requirement specified in item 13)

OR

- ☐ I admit liability for the claim and offer to pay in satisfaction of the claim

Part B How are you going to pay the amount you have admitted? *(tick one box only)*

- ☐ I offer to pay on (date)

OR

- ☐ I cannot pay the amount immediately because *(state reason)*

AND

I offer to pay by instalments of

\$

per(week)(month)
starting (date)

1. Personal details

Surname

Forename

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms

Address

2. Dependants *(people you look after financially)*

(give details)

3. Employment

☐ I am employed as a

My employer is

Jobs other than main job
(give details)

☐ I am self employed as a

Annual turnover is

\$

☐ **I am not** in arrears with my mandatory provident fund contributions and income tax

☐ **I am** in arrears and I owe

\$

Give details of :

(a) contracts and other work in hand

(b) any sums due for work done

years	months

☐ I have been unemployed for

☐ I am a pensioner

4. Bank account and savings (*please list all*)

Bank account	In credit by \$	Overdrawn by \$

5. Residence

- I live in ☐ my own flat
☐ my jointly owned flat
☐ public housing estate
☐ rented private flat
☐ others (please specify)

6. Income

My usual take-home pay (including overtime, commission, bonuses etc)	\$	per month
My pension(s)	\$	per month
Others living in my home give me	\$	per month
Other income (<i>give details below</i>)		
	\$	per month
	\$	per month
	\$	per month
Total income	\$	per month

7. Other assets *(please list and indicate their location)*

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8. Expenses

(Do not include any payments made by other members of the household out of their own income)

I have regular expenses as follows:

Mortgage <i>(including second mortgage)</i>	\$	per month
Rent	\$	per month
Rates and government rent	\$	per month
Management fees	\$	per month
Domestic helper's salary	\$	per month
Gas	\$	per month
Electricity	\$	per month
Water charges	\$	per month
Telephone charges	\$	per month
Housekeeping, food, school meals	\$	per month
Travelling expenses	\$	per month
Children's clothing	\$	per month
Tuition fees	\$	per month
Maintenance payments	\$	per month
Court orders	\$	per month
Others		
	\$	per month
Total expenses	\$	per month

9. Liabilities

(This section is for arrears only. Do not include regular expenses listed in item 8.)

Rent arrears	\$
Mortgage arrears	\$
Rates and government rent arrears	\$
Water charges arrears	\$
Fuel debts : Gas	\$
Electricity	\$
Others	\$
Maintenance arrears	\$
Loans and credit card debts <i>(please list)</i>	\$
	\$
	\$
Others <i>(give details below)</i> \$	
	\$
	\$
Total liabilities	\$

10. Firm, company or corporation

Name	
Address	
Tel. no.	

11. Assets of firm, company or corporation *(please list)*

Property, plant and equipment		\$
Inventories		\$
Goodwill and other intangible assets		\$
Loans and receivables		\$
Bank balances and cash		\$

Others		\$
Total		\$

12. Liabilities of firm, company or corporation (please list)

Trade payables		\$
Tax payables		\$
Other payables		\$
Bank loans		\$
Other borrowings		\$
Others		\$
Total		\$

13. Attach to this form a copy of the latest audited profit and loss account and balance sheet of the firm, company or corporation.

14. Declaration I _____ declare that the details I have given above and in the attached sheet(s) (if any) are true to the best of my knowledge
And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declaration Ordinance (Cap. 11)

Signed

Position or office held
(If signing on behalf of
a firm, company or
corporation)

With company chop
(if applicable)

Declared at _____ in Hong Kong on _____ of 20 ____.

Before me

[Signature and designation, i.e.,
Justice of the Peace/Notary
Public/Commissioner for Oaths.]

Note _ Under section 36 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200), a person who knowingly and wilfully makes a statement false in a material particular in a declaration or other document which he is authorized or required to make by an enactment is guilty of an offence.

- A defendant who is an individual must sign personally. A director of a company must obtain leave to represent the company from a Practice Master before he may sign on behalf of the company.
- If a plaintiff does not file a request for judgment within 14 days after this form is served on him, his claim is stayed until he files the request.

No. 14
Acknowledgment of Service of Writ of Summons
(O. 12 r. 3)

Directions for Acknowledgment of Service

1. The accompanying form of ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE should be detached and completed by a Solicitor acting on behalf of the Defendant or by the Defendant if acting in person. After completion it must be delivered or sent by post to the Registry of the High Court at the following address: –

“LG1, High Court Building, 38 Queensway, Hong Kong.”

2. A Defendant who states in his Acknowledgment of Service that he intends to contest the proceedings **MUST ALSO** file a DEFENCE which must be written in either the Chinese or the English language with the registry and serve a copy thereof on the Solicitor for the Plaintiff (or on the Plaintiff if acting in person).

If a Statement of Claim is indorsed on the Writ (i.e. the words “Statement of Claim” appear at the top of the back), the Defence must be filed and served within 28 days after the time for acknowledging service of the Writ, unless in the meantime a summons for judgment is served on the Defendant.

If a Statement of Claim is not indorsed on the Writ, the Defence must be filed and served within 28 days after a Statement of Claim has been served on the Defendant. If the Defendant fails to file and serve his defence within the appropriate time, the Plaintiff may enter judgment against him without further notice.

The Defendant’s defence must be verified by a statement of truth in accordance with Order 41A of the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4 sub. leg. A).

3. If the only remedy that the Plaintiff is seeking is the payment of a liquidated amount of money or the payment of an unliquidated amount of money, you may admit the Plaintiff’s claim in whole or in part by completing Form No. 16 or 16C (as the case may require) accompanying the Writ of Summons.

A completed Form No. 16 or 16C must be filed with the Registry of the High Court and served on the Plaintiff [or the Plaintiff’s Solicitors] within the period for service of the Defence.

4. A Defendant who wishes to dispute the jurisdiction of the Court of First Instance in the proceedings or to argue that the Court of First Instance should not exercise its jurisdiction in the proceedings, and wishes to apply to the Court of First Instance for an order staying the proceedings, must give notice of intention to defend the proceedings and make the application within the time limited for service of a defence.

See attached Notes for Guidance

Notes for Guidance

1. Each Defendant (if there are more than one) is required to complete an Acknowledgment of Service and return it to the Registry of the High Court.

[2. For the purpose of calculating the period of 14 days for acknowledging service, a writ served on the Defendant personally is treated as having been served on the day it was delivered to him and a writ served by post or by insertion through the Defendant's letter box is treated as having been served on the seventh day after the date of posting or insertion.]

(Note: Not applicable if the defendant is a company served at its registered office.)

3. Where the Defendant is sued in a name different from his own, the form must be completed by him with the addition in paragraph 1 of the words "sued as (the name stated on the Writ of Summons)".

4. Where the Defendant is a FIRM and a Solicitor is not instructed, the form must be completed by a PARTNER by name, with the addition in paragraph 1 of the description "partner in the firm of (.....)" after his name.

5. Where the Defendant is sued as an individual TRADING IN A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OWN, the form must be completed by him with the addition in paragraph 1 of the description "trading as (.....)" after his name.

6. Where the Defendant is a LIMITED COMPANY the form must be completed by a Solicitor or by someone authorized to act on behalf of the Company, but the Company can take no further step in the proceedings without a Solicitor acting on its behalf.

7. Where the Defendant is a MINOR or a MENTAL Patient, the form must be completed by a Solicitor acting for a guardian ad litem.

8. A Defendant acting in person may obtain help in completing the form at the Registry of the High Court.

9. These notes deal only with the more usual cases. In case of difficulty a Defendant in person should refer to paragraph 8 above.

請注意

因這是法律文件，忽視它可帶來嚴重的後果。如有疑問，請儘早向發出文件的法庭登記處〔高等法院，香港金鐘道38號高等法院法院大樓低層一樓〕查詢。你亦應考慮聽取律師的意見或是申請法律援助。

TAKE NOTICE

This is a legal document. The consequence of ignoring it may be serious. If in doubt, you should enquire as soon as possible at the Registry of the Court issuing the document, namely (High Court, LG1, The High Court Building, No.38 Queensway, Hong Kong.). You should also consider taking the advice of a Solicitor or applying for Legal Aid.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE
HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE
ACTION NO. 2126 OF 2025

BETWEEN

DIGITAL CROWN HOLDINGS (H.K.) LIMITED (亮碧思集團(香港)有限公司) trading as "DC" (suing on its own behalf and on the behalf of all its independent distributors, employees and servants) 1st Plaintiff

BELLE VENTURE HOLDING (HK) LIMITED trading as "BELLE VENTURE" and "BV" (suing on its own behalf and on the behalf of all its independent distributors, employees and servants) 2nd Plaintiff

FRANCINE HOLDING LIMITED (弗朗爾集團有限公司) trading as "FRANCINE" and "FH" (suing on its own behalf and on the behalf of all its independent distributors, employees and servants) 3rd Plaintiff

SIBELLAC HOLDINGS LIMITED (詩貝朗集團有限公司) trading as "SIBELLAC" (suing on its own behalf and on the behalf of all its independent distributors, employees and servants) 4th Plaintiff

and

SING TAO NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED Defendant

WRIT OF SUMMONS

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