

## Trading firm director in court for \$1.3m bribery while listed company director wanted by ICAC

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A director of a timber trading company appeared in the Eastern Magistracy today (Monday) after being charged by the ICAC with conspiracy for an executive director of a listed company to accept over \$1.3 million in illegal rebates in relation to purchase orders, while the executive director is wanted for her alleged role in the case.

He Chao, 53, a director cum shareholder of Glory Luck (Hong Kong) Limited (GLL), who was charged last Thursday (June 18), faced one count of conspiracy for an agent to accept advantages, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

No plea was taken. Principal Magistrate Ms Bina Chainrai transferred the case to the District Court for plea on July 14 this year.

At the material time, the defendant was a director cum shareholder of GLL, which engaged in timber trading business. GLL was a wood products supplier of Kohnan Shoji Company Limited (KNC), a listed company in Japan, of which Haruko Arakawa was its executive director cum Head of Overseas Department.

The charge alleged that between March 17, 2010 and November 2, 2011, the defendant conspired with Arakawa for Arakawa to accept rebates from He as a reward for approving the procurement of 59 purchase orders with GLL.

The illegal rebates allegedly accepted by Arakawa, which were at a rate of five per cent of the transaction amount of purchase orders procured by her and entered into between KNC and GLL, were said to amount to over \$1.3 million.

The defendant was granted cash bail of \$200,000. He was also ordered to surrender his travel documents, not to leave Hong Kong and not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

Arakawa, 52, a Japanese resident, is currently not in Hong Kong. Upon an application from the ICAC, the Eastern Magistracy has issued a warrant for the arrest of Arakawa for a similar bribery offence.

Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of Arakawa or any other information which may lead to her arrest is urged to contact the ICAC on its 24-hour hotline 2526 6366. Information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.



Haruko Arakawa, aged 52, is wanted by the ICAC.

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## 貿易公司董事涉一百三十萬元貪污 案今提堂 廉署另通緝上市公司董事

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一名木材貿易公司董事涉嫌與一名上市公司執行董事串謀，使有關執行董事就購貨訂單收受一百三十多萬元的非法回佣，被廉政公署拘控。該名木材貿易公司董事今日(星期一)在東區裁判法院應訊，而涉案的上市公司執行董事亦被廉署通緝。

何超，五十三歲，朗裕(香港)有限公司(朗裕)董事兼股東，於上星期四(六月十八日)被控一項串謀使代理人接受利益罪名，涉嫌違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

被告暫時毋須答辯。主任裁判官錢禮將案件轉介區域法院至本年七月十四日答辯。

被告於案發時是朗裕董事兼股東，從事木材貿易生意。朗裕是一間日本上市公司港南商事株式會社(港南商事)的木製品供應商。荒川春子是該上市公司海外部執行董事兼主管。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一〇年三月十七日至二〇一一年十一月二日期間，與荒川春子串謀，使荒川春子從被告收受回佣，作為她批出促致五十九張向朗裕購貨的訂單的報酬。

荒川春子涉嫌收受的非法回佣是以她批出由港南商事與朗裕所訂立的購貨訂單的交易金額比率百分之五計算，據悉非法回佣金額達到一百三十多萬元。

被告獲准以現金二十萬元保釋。他亦受命交出旅遊證件、不准離開香港及不得騷擾控方證人。

荒川春子，五十二歲，是日本居民，目前並不在香港。東區裁判法院應廉署的申請，已發出手令通緝涉及相關貪污罪名的荒川春子歸案。

任何人士如獲悉荒川春子的下落，或知道任何可以協助緝拿她的資料，請聯絡廉署二十四小時熱線二五二六 六三六六。所有資料絕對保密。



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