

Four charged for alleged bribery over supply of water pipes

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The ICAC has charged four persons for allegedly accepting and offering bribes totalling over \$150,000 in relation to the supply of water pipes and steel materials in government projects.

The defendants are Tang Ming-wa, 47, commercial manager of CPC Construction Hong Kong Limited (CPC); Or Chung-kit, 33, former planning engineer of Chevalier Pipe Rehabilitation Hong Kong Limited (CPR), formerly known as Pressag Pipe Rehabilitation Hong Kong Limited; Lo Hin-wing, 39, former project manager of CPC; and Cheung Koon-chee, 60, director of BIS Hua Wei Pipelines & Steel Structure Engineering Company Limited (BIS). CPC and CPR are under the same parent company.

They face a total of eight charges - three of conspiracy for agents to accept advantages, three of agent accepting an advantage, one of offering an advantage to an agent, and one of conspiracy to pervert the course of public justice.

The defendants will appear in Kowloon City Magistracy at 9:30 am tomorrow (Thursday) for transfer to the District Court.

Between 2004 and 2007, the parent company of CPC and CPR was awarded waterworks projects by the Water Supplies Department, while BIS was appointed the authorised supplier of water pipes and steel materials.

One of the charges alleges that Tang, Or, Lo and Cheung conspired together for Tang, Or and Lo to accept \$30,000 from Cheung as a reward for remaining favourably disposed towards BIS in the award of purchase orders for the supply of water pipes and steel materials.

Another charge alleges Tang and Or of having conspired together and with other persons for Tang, Or and Lo to accept from Cheung periodic payments calculated at the rate of about 1.5% of the total amount of purchase orders issued to BIS for the same reason.

Tang and Or are also alleged to have conspired together and with Cheung for Tang to accept \$32,000 from Cheung for the same reason.

Or alone faces one count of having accepted \$30,000 or \$40,000 from Cheung.

Tang faces two other charges of having accepted \$30,000 and \$60,000 respectively from Cheung, while Cheung is alleged to have offered \$60,000 to Tang.

Tang is also alleged to have conspired with Cheung to pervert the course of public justice by falsely representing that the sum of \$60,000 was a loan to Tang and that the loan would be fully repaid in three months' time.

CPC and CPR have rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The defendants have been released on ICAC bail, pending their court appearance tomorrow.