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Duo charged for alleged HK\$930,000 illegal rebates scam

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A senior executive of a trading company and a supplier were charged by the ICAC this (Friday) morning for their alleged roles in a conspiracy for the former to accept over HK\$930,000 in illegal rebates in relation to the awarding of purchase orders for light-emitting diode (LED) products.

David Alan Bateman, 53, general manager of a LED display trading company, and Yuen Sik-hung, 45, director of Sui Rich ESAT Hong Kong Company Limited (Sui Rich), faced a charge 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.

Having been laid with the charge, the defendants were escorted to Eastern Magistracy in the afternoon for mention.

No pleas were taken. Magistrate Mr Johnny Chan Jong-herng transferred the case to the District Court for plea on April 20.

At the material times, the trading company placed purchase orders for LED products with Sui Rich worth over US\$6.1 million (over HK\$47.5 million) in total.

The charge alleged that between April 2008 and October 2010, the defendants conspired together for Bateman to accept rebates totalling over US\$120,000 (over HK\$936,000) from Sui Rich as rewards for procuring the trading company to place purchase orders with Sui Rich.

Bateman and Yuen were granted cash bail of HK\$20,000 and HK\$100,000 respectively. They were also ordered to surrender their travel documents, not to leave Hong Kong, reside at reported addresses, and not to interfere with prosecution witnesses.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Laura Ng, assisted by ICAC officer Jenny Chau.

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