Businessman guilty of bribery over bank remittance

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A businessman, who was charged by the ICAC, was today (Friday) convicted at the Eastern Magistracy of offering a bribe to an officer of a bank to facilitate the deposit of a remittance.

Teo Eng-bock, 75, director and shareholder of Gold Power Enterprises Holdings Inc. (Gold Power), was found guilty of one count of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

Magistrate Mr Chu Chung-keung adjourned the case to July 10 this year for sentence, pending a background report. The defendant was remanded in custody of the Correctional Services Department.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was the director and shareholder of Gold Power. He was also the sole authorised signatory of a bank account that Gold Power opened at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC).

On May 28 last year, the defendant visited the business centre of the HSBC Head Office in Central. He was received by an assistant vice president of HSBC in her office.

The defendant told the assistant vice president that he expected to receive a remittance of a substantial amount in the account of Gold Power, and that 75 per cent of the remittance would be withdrawn.

The court heard that the defendant undertook to give the assistant vice president a share of the remaining 25 per cent of the remittance if she agreed to offer assistance in facilitating the deposit.

The defendant also showed the assistant vice president a copy of a document, which showed that the value of a contract was 18 billion euros, and the defendant was a receiver entitling to four per cent of the contractual value. The assistant vice president declined the offer, the court was told.

HSBC had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by prosecuting counsel Stephen Fong, assisted by ICAC officer Chong Kwok-sum.

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商人就匯款行賄銀行職員罪成候判

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一名商人行賄一名銀行職員,以利便存入一筆匯款,被廉政公署拘控。被告今日(星期五)在東區裁判法院被裁定罪名成立。

張榮木·七十五歲·Gold Power Enterprises Holdings Inc. (Gold Power)董事兼股東·被裁定一項向代理人提供利益罪名成立·違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

裁判官朱仲強將案件押後至本年七月十日判刑,以待被告的背景報告。被告暫時還押懲教署看管。

案情透露·被告於案發時為 Gold Power 的董事兼股東。他亦是該公司在香港上海滙豐銀行(滙豐) 開設銀行戶口的唯一授權簽署人。

被告於去年五月二十八日前往中環滙豐總行中小企中心,該銀行一名助理副總裁在其辦公室接待被告。

被告向助理副總裁表示,他預期會在 Gold Power 的戶口收到一筆巨額匯款,而該匯款的百分之七十五金額會被提取。

案情透露·被告承諾·如助理副總裁同意提供協助·以便有關匯款存入戶口·他會把匯款餘下百分之二十五金額中的一部分給予助理副總裁。

被告又向助理副總裁出示一份文件的副本,有關文件顯示一份價值一百八十億歐元的合約,而被告作為收款人可獲得該合約價值的百分之四。助理副總裁拒絕被告的提議。

滙豐在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由大律師方漢權代表出庭,並由廉署人員莊國琛協助。

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