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Duo charged with \$165,000 illegal wage rebates-for-employment

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A site supervisor and a worker formerly employed by a metal works company have been charged by the ICAC today (April 25) with conspiracy to accept illegal wage rebates of over \$165,000 in total from six other workers in relation to their employment at various construction sites.

Ng Wai-hang, 45, former site supervisor of Empire (HK) Engineering Co. Limited (Empire HK), and Tam Tat-ming, 29, former general worker of Empire HK, face six joint charges of conspiracy for an agent to accept an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

They also face four alternative charges of fraud, contrary to Section 16A of the Theft Ordinance.

The defendants will appear at the Eastern Magistracy on Thursday (April 27) for plea.

At the material time, Ng was employed by Empire HK as a site supervisor to recruit general workers for Empire HK and two other companies (the three companies) at 10 construction sites. The three companies, which were set up by the same proprietor, were contractors specialised in metal works.

In December 2014, Ng introduced Tam to work for two of the three companies, including Empire HK, as a general worker.

The six joint charges allege that between an unknown day in February and December 22, 2015, Ng and Tam, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, conspired together to accept wage rebates ranging from \$10,200 to \$59,380, totalling \$165,355, from six persons as rewards for maintaining their employment with the three companies as general workers.

The four alternative charges allege that between an unknown day in March and December 22, 2015, Ng and Tam falsely represented to four of the general workers that their daily wages were \$600, \$650 or \$750 and would be increased to \$700, \$750 or \$800 thereafter, and they had to refund part of their wages to a person, and with intent to defraud, induced them to pay \$95,775 in total to Ng and Tam, which resulted in benefit to them or in prejudice to those workers.

Empire HK has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

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



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新聞公佈

廉署起訴二人就僱用工人收受十六萬五千元非法工資回佣

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廉政公署今日(四月二十五日)落案起訴一名五金工程公司前地盤主管及一名前工人，控告兩人涉嫌串謀向其他六名工人收受共逾十六萬五千元非法工資回佣，以維持僱用他們在多個建築地盤工作。

伍威行，四十五歲，Empire (HK) Engineering Co. Limited (Empire HK)前地盤主管，及譚達汶，二十九歲，Empire HK前普通工人，同被控六項串謀代理人接受利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

他們亦同被控四項欺詐交替罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。

兩名被告將於星期四(四月二十七日)在東區裁判法院答辯。

伍於案發時受僱於Empire HK為地盤主管，負責為Empire HK及另外兩間公司(三間公司)招聘普通工人在十個建築地盤工作。該三間公司為五金工程承辦商，由同一名東主成立。

伍於二〇一四年十二月介紹譚為包括Empire HK在內的其中兩間公司作普通工人。

其中六項控罪指伍與譚涉嫌於二〇一五年二月某日至十二月二十二日期間一同串謀，在無合法權限或合理辯解下從六名人士分別收受一萬零二百元至五萬九千三百八十元即合共十六萬五千三百五十五元的工資回佣，作為維持僱用他們為該三間公司的普通工人的報酬。

另外四項交替控罪指伍及譚涉嫌於二〇一五三月某日至十二月二十二日期間，向其中四名普通工人訛稱他們的每日工資為六百元、六百五十元或七百五十元和以後會增至七百元、七百五十元或八百元，以及他們須把部分工資退還給一名人士，並意圖詐騙而誘使該等工人向伍及譚支付共九萬五千七百七十五元，因而導致兩人獲得利益，或導致有關工人蒙受不利。

Empire HK在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

兩名被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待星期四應訊。

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