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Ex-manager of media company gets six years and eight months for \$19m works orders fraud

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A former facilities manager of a media company, charged by the ICAC, was today (March 28) sentenced to six years and eight months' imprisonment at the District Court for fraud in relation to the award of over \$19 million worth of works orders to a company owned by his father without declaration.

Stephen Lam Wing-on, 40, former facilities manager of Thomson Reuters Hong Kong Limited (TRHK), formerly known as Reuters Hong Kong Limited (RHK), was earlier found guilty of two counts of fraud, contrary to Section 16A of the Theft Ordinance.

In sentencing, Judge Josiah Lam Wai-kuen reprimanded the defendant for abusing his position in RHK and TRHK and taking advantage of the loopholes in their systems.

The judge also said the offences committed by the defendant constituted a breach of trust. He concealed conflicts of interest from RHK and TRHK, which resulted in benefit to him and his family members and prejudice to RHK and TRHK.

The case arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above offences.

The court heard that the defendant was employed by RHK in February 2006 as facilities executive. In January 2009, RHK was renamed as TRHK after a merger of related companies. Since then, he had been employed by TRHK as facilities executive. In November 2011, he was promoted to the post of facilities manager.

At the material time, the defendant was responsible for maintaining equipment and facilities of the offices of RHK/TRHK in Hong Kong in good order. He had the authority to award works orders to contractors and service providers for equipment and facilities.

Skytech Engineering & Co. (Skytech) was established in January 2007, with the defendant's father as its registered proprietor.

The court heard that the defendant induced RHK/TRHK to include and maintain Skytech in the list of approved suppliers for the provision of goods and services, and place purchase orders with Skytech, but he failed to declare to RHK/TRHK his and/or his father's interests in Skytech.

As a result, payments totalling over \$5 million were made by RHK to Skytech on 38 occasions between

August 2007 and March 2009 for the provision of goods and services to RHK. The payments received by Skytech resulted in benefit to the defendant and his family members.

Payments totalling over \$14.7 million were also made by TRHK to Skytech on 106 other occasions between March 2009 and February 2014 for the provision of goods and services to TRHK. The payments received by Skytech resulted in benefit to the defendant and his family members, the court was told.

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

The prosecution was today represented by prosecuting counsel Susanna Ku, assisted by ICAC officer Grace Yee.

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新聞公佈

傳媒機構前經理欺詐一千九百萬元工程項目判囚六年八個月

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一名傳媒機構前設備經理，在沒有作出申報的情況下欺詐該機構將總值一千九百多萬元的工程項目批予其父親的公司，早前被廉政公署起訴。被告今日(三月二十八日)在區域法院被判入獄六年八個月。

林詠安，四十歲，湯森路透香港有限公司(湯森路透香港)(前稱路透香港有限公司(路透香港))前設備經理，早前被裁定兩項欺詐罪名成立，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。

法官林偉權判刑時斥責被告利用了其在路透香港及湯森路透香港的職位上的方便，以及有關公司制度上的漏洞犯案。

法官續稱，被告所犯的罪行涉及違反誠信。他向路透香港及湯森路透香港隱瞞利益衝突，令自己及其家人從中得益，並令有關公司蒙受不利。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述罪行。

案情透露，被告於二〇〇六年二月獲路透香港聘用為設備主任。在相關公司合併後，路透香港於二〇〇九年一月改稱為湯森路透香港。他自此獲湯森路透香港聘用為設備主任，並於二〇一一年十一月晉升為設備經理。

被告於案發時負責妥善保養路透香港/湯森路透香港在香港各辦事處的辦公室設備及設施。他有權向承辦商及服務供應商批出設備及設施工程項目。

Skytech Engineering & Co. (Skytech)於二〇〇七年一月成立，被告的父親為Skytech的註冊東主。

案情透露，被告誘使路透香港/湯森路透香港把Skytech列入和備存在提供貨品及服務的認可供應商名單之內，並向Skytech發出採購訂單，但他沒有向路透香港/湯森路透香港申報他及/或他父親在Skytech的權益。

Skytech因而於二〇〇七年八至二〇〇九年三月期間，為路透香港提供貨品及服務而先後三十八次獲路透香港付款共逾五百萬元。Skytech收了有關付款，令被告及其家人從中得益。

案情透露，Skytech亦於二〇〇九年三月至二〇一四年二月期間，為湯森路透香港提供貨品及服務而先後一百零六次獲湯森路透香港付款共逾一千四百七十萬元。Skytech收了有關付款，令被告及其家人從中得益。

湯森路透香港在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由大律師顧佩芳代表出庭，並由廉署人員余顯麗協助。

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