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Ex-manager admits accepting $200,000 bribes over renovation project at residential estate

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A former maintenance manager of a property management company, charged by the ICAC, admitted at the Kwun Tong Magistracy today (April 27) that he had accepted bribes of $200,000 in total for divulging confidential tender information on a renovation project of a private residential estate in Shatin to the operator of an engineering company.

Alex Tsang Hin-kit, 46, former maintenance manager of Synergis Management Services Limited (SMS), pleaded guilty to seven counts of agent accepting an advantage, contrary to Section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

Principal Magistrate Ms Bina Chainrai adjourned the case to May 11 for sentence, pending a background report. The defendant was remanded in the custody of the Correctional Services Department.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was responsible for dealing with renovation and maintenance works of various residential estates managed by SMS.

The defendant joined SMS as technical officer in March 2007 and was promoted to the post of maintenance manager in January 2016. Between March 2011 and late 2012, he was posted to Garden Vista, a private residential estate in Shatin, managed by SMS.

In December 2010, the Incorporated Owners (IO) of Garden Vista resolved to conduct a renovation project. SMS was required to assist the IO of Garden Vista in conducting an open tendering exercise for the renovation project.

An architectural firm was appointed as the consultant of the renovation project in March 2012. Afterwards, the firm arranged a tendering exercise for selecting a contractor for the project and the defendant was responsible for coordinating it. A total of 19 contractors submitted tenders for the project.

In early 2013, the defendant came to know the operator of an engineering company. On that occasion, the operator told the defendant that he wanted to obtain the list of tender prices (the price list) submitted by contractors for the renovation project. The defendant agreed to help him.

The court heard that in late June 2013, the defendant sent the price list to the operator of the engineering company by email.

In July 2013, it was resolved by majority of flat owners to award the contract of the renovation project to one of the 19 contractors at over $262 million.

Two months later, the operator of the engineering company told the defendant that around 0.1 per cent of the contract sum of the renovation project, about $260,000, would be offered to him by instalments as rewards for his assistance in providing him with the price list.

Bank records of the defendant showed that he accepted seven bribes ranging from $20,000 to $30,000, totalling $200,000, from the operator of the engineering company between April 16, 2014 and June 7, 2016, the court was told.

SMS and the IO of Garden Vista had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by ICAC officer Queenie Woo.
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新聞公佈

前保養經理承認就屋苑維修工程收賄二十萬元候判

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一名物業管理公司前保養經理收受一名工程公司經營者合共二十萬元賄款，以披露有關沙田一個私人屋苑維修工程的機密投標資料，早前被廉政公署拘控。被告今日(四月二十七日)在觀塘裁判法院承認控罪。

曾憲傑，四十六歲，新昌管理服務有限公司(新昌管理)(現稱昇捷管理服務有限公司(昇捷管理))前保養經理，承認七項代理人接受利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(1)(a)條。

主任裁判官錢禮將案件押後至五月十一日判刑，以待被告的背景報告。被告暫時還押懲教署看管。

案情透露，被告於案發時負責處理由新昌管理所管理的多個屋苑的維修及保養工程。

被告於二○○七年三月加入新昌管理為技術員，並於二○一六年一月獲晉升為保養經理。他於二○一一年三月至二○一二年年底期間被派駐由新昌管理所管理的沙田私人屋苑翠湖花園。

翠湖花園業主立案法團(法團)於二○一○年十二月議決通過進行一項維修工程。新昌管理須協助翠湖花園法團就維修工程進行公開招標。

一間建築師樓於二○一二年三月獲委任為該維修工程的顧問。隨後，該建築師樓安排招標以揀選工程的承建商，而被告負責有關的統籌工作。該工程共有十九個承建商遞交投標書。

被告於二○一三年年初認識了一名工程公司經營者。在該次會面，該工程公司經營者向被告表示他想取得各承建商就該維修工程所遞交投標書的價目表(價目表)。被告同意幫助他。

案情透露，被告於二○一三年六月底以電郵方式將該價目表發送給有關工程公司經營者。

翠湖花園大部分業主於二○一三年七月議決通過將維修工程合約以逾二億六千二百萬元批予該十九個承建商之一。

該工程公司經營者於兩個月後向被告表示會將工程合約金額約百分之零點一，即約二十六萬元，分期提供予他，作為被告協助提供價目表予他的報酬。

案情透露，被告的銀行戶口記錄顯示，他於二○一四年四月十六日至二○一六年六月七日期間，分七次從該工程公司經營者接受介乎二萬元至三萬元的賄款，涉款共二十萬元。

昇捷管理及翠湖花園法團在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由廉署人員胡月華代表出庭。
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