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# Ex-manager of aircraft maintenance company charged by ICAC jailed for \$1.5m order fraud

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A former manager of an aircraft maintenance company, charged by the ICAC, was today (October 20) sentenced to 27 months' imprisonment at the District Court after being convicted of fraud over purchase orders for toolings which contained unnecessary technical drawings worth about \$1.5 million.

Wu Kwok-man, 65, former production engineering manager of Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited (HAECO), was today found guilty of two counts of fraud, contrary to Section 16A(1) of the Theft Ordinance.

In sentencing, Judge Stanley Chan Kwong-chi reprimanded the defendant for breaching the trust placed on him and abusing his power and position in HAECO. The defendant had also wasted the manpower and resources of the company, causing a loss to his former employer.

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

The court heard at the material time, HAECO provided aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul services to its clients. As the head of the component repair team of HAECO, the defendant was responsible for developing, manufacturing and purchasing toolings used in its aircraft maintenance and repair services. Contractors supplying toolings to HAECO were required to manufacture the toolings and provide the relevant technical drawings.

Between February 2015 and October 2016, the defendant had caused HAECO to place 69 purchase orders worth totalling about \$2.5 million with two contractors for manufacturing 185 toolings and the supply of the relevant technical drawings.

HAECO received all the toolings but the two contractors could only provide some of the technical drawings. However, the technical drawings of all 185 toolings were subsequently found in HAECO's internal system.

ICAC enquiries revealed that the defendant had concealed from HAECO that he had instructed his subordinate engineers to design and prepare those technical drawings. The technical drawings submitted by one of the contractors were copied from technical drawings in HAECO's system provided by the defendant.

HAECO purchased the toolings with the two contractors at prices which included the supply of technical drawings which were not required in the first place. The prices involved amounted to about \$1.5 million.

HAECO did not allow the defendant to instruct its engineers to prepare technical drawings for contractors and to supply contractors with the technical drawings which belonged to HAECO. Had HAECO known that the company was in possession of the technical drawings concerned, it would not have placed the orders with the two contractors or settled the relevant payments with them.

HAECO reported the matter to the ICAC after it was revealed, and rendered full assistance to the

Commission during its investigation into the case.

The prosecution was today represented by prosecuting counsel Lisa Remedios, assisted by ICAC officers Frankie Chow and Francis Tsang.

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## 新聞公佈

# 飛機維修商前經理涉150萬元訂單詐騙遭廉署起訴罪成判囚27個月

2021年10月20日

廉政公署早前落案起訴一名飛機維修公司前經理欺詐罪名，控告他誘使該公司向兩間承判商發出購買工具訂單，惟訂單包括總值約150萬元無須購買的工具技術繪圖。被告今日(10月20日)在區域法院被裁定罪名成立，判監27個月。

胡國民，65歲，香港飛機工程有限公司(港機集團)前生產工程經理，今日被裁定兩項欺詐罪名成立，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A(1)條。

法官陳廣池判刑時斥責被告違反誠信，濫用自己在港機集團的權力和地位，浪費公司人手及資源，令前僱主蒙受損失。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述罪行。

案情透露，港機集團為客戶提供飛機保養維修服務。在案發期間，被告是該公司技術部部件維修小組的主管，負責監督開發、製造及採購飛機維修保養所使用的工具。港機集團的工具承判商需製造有關工具，並提供相關技術繪圖。

被告於2015年2月至2016年10月期間，誘使港機集團向兩間承判商發出69張總值約250萬元的訂單，以製造185件工具及提供相關技術繪圖。

港機集團收妥所有工具，但該兩間承判商只能提供部份技術繪圖。有關185件工具的技術繪圖，其後均能在港機集團的內部系統內尋獲。

廉署調查顯示，被告向港機集團隱瞞自己曾指示其下屬工程師設計及製備該等技術繪圖。其中一間承判商向港機集團提交的部份技術繪圖，是仿照被告提供的港機集團系統內的技術繪圖而製備。

港機集團向該兩間承判商購買該等工具的價格包括了供應該些本應無須購買的技術繪圖，涉及金額約為150萬元。

港機集團不容許被告指示該公司工程師為承判商製備技術繪圖及向其提供屬於港機集團的技術繪圖。倘若港機集團知悉公司本已擁有該等技術繪圖，便不會向承判商發出該等訂單及支付有關款項。

港機集團發現上述事件後主動向廉署舉報，並在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由大律師吳維敏代表出庭，並由廉署人員周俊彥及曾柏皓協助。

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