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# Ex-director of electronics assembly equipment manufacturer and merchant charged by ICAC for alleged \$6m bribery deal

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The ICAC today (October 2) charged a former director of an electronics assembly equipment manufacturer and a merchant for allegedly striking a deal with a shareholder of a technology firm to accept bribes totalling over \$6 million from the latter for assisting the technology firm to be engaged as an electronics assembly equipment distributor.

Lau Wai-leung, 49, former sales director of ASMPT Hong Kong Limited (formerly named as ASM Pacific (Hong Kong) Limited) (ASMPT); and Terry Wong Yuk-yan, 46, merchant, jointly face one count of conspiracy for an agent to accept advantages, contrary to section 9(1)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

The defendants were released on ICAC bail, pending their appearance at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (October 3) for mention. The prosecution will submit an application for transferring the case to the District Court for plea.

ASMPT was a company under a group which was a manufacturer of electronics assembly equipment (collectively referred to as ASMPT). ASMPT engaged in sales of the group's electronics assembly equipment products to customers in the Mainland and the Greater China Region. In addition to direct sales of the group's products to customers, since 2019, ASMPT also engaged distributors to sell its products.

The alleged offence took place between January 2019 and January 2023. At the material time, Lau was a sales director of ASMPT responsible for sales of ASMPT's

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products and handling matters in relation to distributors. He left the company in January 2023. Meanwhile, Wong, a merchant, allegedly played the role of a middleman in the case.

The charge alleges that the defendants conspired together for Lau to accept bribes totalling over \$6 million from a shareholder of a technology firm for assisting the firm to be selected as a distributor of ASMPT.

The ICAC investigation arose from a corruption complaint concerning ASMPT's distributors. Enquiries revealed that Lau had allegedly reached the bribery agreement with the technology firm shareholder through Wong. According to the bribery agreement, the shareholder of the technology firm had allegedly offered Lau bribe money equivalent to 20 per cent of the firm's sales profit as a reward. Inquiries revealed that since the technology firm was engaged as ASMPT's distributor, the firm had sold over 1,000 sets of ASMPT's electronics assembly equipment, involving bribes amounting to a total of over \$6 million.

ASMPT has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case. ASMPT prohibited its staff members from soliciting or accepting advantages from others in relation to ASMPT' s business and affairs.

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## 新聞公佈

#### 廉署起訴電子組裝儀器製造商前總監及商人涉協議收賄600萬元

### 2024年10月2日

廉政公署今日(10月2日)落案起訴一名電子組裝儀器製造商前總監及一名商人,控告他們涉 嫌與一名科技公司股東協議收受對方賄款共逾600萬元,以協助該科技公司獲選為電子組裝 儀器分銷商。

劉偉亮,49歲,香港先進有限公司(前稱先進太平洋(香港)有限公司)(先進)前銷售總監;及 王煜昕,46歲,商人,同被控一項串謀使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。

兩名被告均獲廉署准予保釋,明日 (10月3日)在東區裁判法院應訊,以待控方申請將案件轉 介區域法院答辯。

先進所屬的集團是一家電子組裝儀器製造商(統稱為先進),先進銷售該集團的電子組裝儀器 產品予內地及大中華地區的客戶。先進除了直接將產品銷售予客戶,該公司自2019年起亦 委託分銷商銷售產品。

本案於2019年1月至2023年1月期間發生,劉偉亮於案發時任職先進銷售總監,負責銷售先進的產品及處理分銷商相關事宜,他於2023年1月離職。商人王煜昕則涉嫌於案中擔當中間人。

控罪指兩名被告涉嫌串謀使劉偉亮從一名科技公司股東接受賄款共逾600萬元,以協助該科 技公司獲選為先進的分銷商。

廉署早前就先進分銷商相關事宜接獲貪污投訴遂展開調查,發現劉偉亮涉嫌經王煜昕與該 科技公司股東達成賄賂協議。根據賄賂協議,該科技公司股東涉嫌向劉偉亮提供金額為該 科技公司兩成銷售利潤的賄款作為報酬。調查發現,該科技公司獲選為先進分銷商後,於 案發期間共售出逾1,000部先進的電子組裝儀器·涉及賄款逾600萬元。

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