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Manager admits offering illegal commission of Euro 50,000 to bank staff

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A manager of a web services company, charged by the ICAC, admitted at the Eastern Magistracy today (November 21) that he had offered an illegal commission of Euro 50,000 to an assistant vice president of a bank for assisting him in handling a remittance of Euro five million.

Samuel Alexandre Nicolas Bongard, 29, manager of Web Marketing 26 Limited (Web 26), pleaded guilty to one count of offering an advantage to an agent, contrary to Section 9(2)(a) of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

Principal Magistrate Ms Bina Chainrai adjourned the case until tomorrow (November 22) for sentence, and remanded the defendant in the custody of the Correctional Services Department.

The court heard that at the material time, the defendant was a manager of Web 26, a web services company in Hong Kong. He was the sole signatory of its business integrated account with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC).

In mid-November 2016, the defendant was expecting a remittance of Euro five million sent by telegraph transfer to his account by a client for the purpose of investment.

The defendant made enquiries at the HSBC Central and Western Business Centre (business centre), but the remittance had yet to be received in the account of Web 26 with HSBC.

On December 13, 2016, the defendant sent an email to a female assistant vice president of the business centre. In the email, he said he wanted to know if he could tell his client to contact her over the remittance, and that if the assistant vice president could help him, he would give her one per cent of the remittance, which was equivalent to Euro 50,000.

The assistant vice president did not reply to the defendant and reported the matter to her supervisors.

The court heard that the defendant was arrested by the ICAC on October 22, 2017 when he came to Hong Kong.

Under caution, the defendant admitted that on December 13, 2016, he sent the email to the assistant vice president offering to give her one per cent of the remittance, hoping that she would spend more time or efforts in checking the status of the remittance for him.

The defendant also said he regarded the one per cent of the remittance as a commission for the assistant vice president, the court was told.

The management of HSBC had rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

The prosecution was today represented by Acting Senior Public Prosecutor Anthea Kwok, assisted by ICAC officer Rosita Lee.

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新聞公佈

經理承認向銀行職員提供五萬歐元非法佣金候判

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一名網上服務公司經理向一名銀行助理副總裁提供五萬歐元非法佣金，以協助他處理一筆五百萬歐元的匯款，早前被廉政公署起訴。被告今日（十一月二十一日）在東區裁判法院承認控罪。

Samuel Alexandre Nicolas Bongard，二十九歲，Web Marketing 26 Limited (Web 26) 經理，承認一項向代理人提供利益罪名，違反《防止賄賂條例》第9(2)(a)條。

主任裁判官錢禮將案件押後至明日（十一月二十二日）判刑，並將被告還押懲教署看管。

案情透露，被告於案發時為香港一間網上服務公司Web 26的經理。他是該公司在香港上海滙豐銀行有限公司(滙豐銀行)一個商業綜合戶口的唯一簽署人。

被告於二〇一六年十一月中正等候一名客戶將一筆五百萬歐元款項透過電匯轉賬至Web 26在滙豐銀行的戶口，以作投資之用。

被告多次向滙豐銀行中西區中小企業中心（中小企業中心）查詢，惟Web 26的戶口仍未收到有關匯款。

被告於二〇一六年十二月十三日向中小企業中心一名女助理副總裁發出一封電郵。被告在電郵中要求由他的客戶直接聯絡她，以跟進有關匯款事宜，並指出如該助理副總裁答允協助，他將向她提供匯款百分之一的金額，即相等於五萬歐元。

該助理副總裁沒有回覆被告，並向上司匯報有關事件。

案情透露，被告於二〇一七年十月二十二日回港時被廉署拘捕。

被告在警誡下承認他於二〇一六年十二月十三日曾向該助理副總裁發出電郵，提出會向她提供匯款百分之一的金額，希望她能花更多時間或努力為他核實匯款的狀況。

案情指，被告又表示，有關匯款百分之一的金額是他給予該助理副總裁的佣金。

滙豐銀行管理層在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

控方今日由署理高級檢控官郭嘉婷代表出庭，並由廉署人員李麗瑩協助。

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