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# Man charged as ICAC probe reveals \$125m money laundering involving loans from listed company

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A former personal assistant of a businessman was charged by the ICAC today (May 11) for allegedly conspiring with the businessman to deal with crime proceeds totalling \$125 million, being loans the businessman obtained from a listed company.

The ICAC investigation arose from a corruption complaint referred by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC), followed by an operation jointly mounted by the ICAC and the SFC last year. The above personal assistant was charged today after seeking legal advice from the Department of Justice. The relevant corruption investigation is continuing.

Lam Chung-kan (also known as Lin Songgen), 48, faces five counts of conspiracy to deal with property known or believed to represent proceeds of an indictable offence, contrary to Section 25(1) of the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance and Section 159A of the Crimes Ordinance.

The defendant was released on ICAC bail, pending his appearance in the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (May 12) for mention.

At the material time, the defendant was a personal assistant of a businessman. It is alleged that in around mid-2015, the businessman arranged the defendant and others to hold substantial amount of shares of publicly listed Sunway International Holdings Limited (Sunway) and arranged some individuals to take up senior executive posts of the listed company.

In early 2016, Sunway started operating money lending business. Between around July 2016 and September 2017, the businessman had allegedly obtained five loans totalling \$125 million from the listed company via a number of local and offshore companies controlled by the businessman through the defendant and others. ICAC inquiries revealed that repayments of over \$80 million out of the five loans were defaulted.

The charges allege that between July 2016 and October 2017, the defendant conspired together with the businessman and other persons to deal with the above five loans totalling \$125 million, knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe that they in whole or in part directly or indirectly represented the proceeds of an indictable offence.

The SFC and the Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Limited have rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation.

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## 新聞公佈

### 廉署調查貪污揭男子「洗黑錢」1.25億元涉上市公司借貸

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廉政公署今日(5月11日)落案起訴一名商人的前私人助理，控告他涉嫌與該名商人串謀處理犯罪得益1.25億元。有關款項為該名商人從一間上市公司獲取的貸款。

廉署早前接獲證券及期貨事務監察委員會(證監會)轉介的貪污投訴後展開調查，其後與證監會於去年採取聯合行動。廉署徵詢律政司法律意見後，今日落案起訴上述私人助理。相關貪污調查仍在進行。

林松根，48歲，被控五項串謀處理已知道或相信為代表從可公訴罪行的得益的財產罪名，違反《有組織及嚴重罪行條例》第25(1)條及《刑事罪行條例》第159A條。

被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待明日(5月12日)在東區裁判法院提訊。

被告於案發時是一名商人的私人助理。約於2015年中，該名商人涉嫌安排被告及其他人士持有上市公司新威國際控股有限公司(新威國際)的大量股份，並安排一些人士出任其高層職位以控制該上市公司。

新威國際於2016年初開始經營借貸業務。約於2016年7月至2017年9月期間，該名商人涉嫌透過被告及其他人士控制數間本地及離岸公司，並以該些公司向新威國際取得五筆貸款合共1.25億元。廉署調查顯示，該五筆貸款中逾八千萬元並未償還。

控罪指被告涉嫌於2016年7月至2017年10月期間，與該商人及其他人士一同串謀，知道或有合理理由相信上述五筆共1.25億元的貸款，全部或部分、直接或間接代表從可公訴罪行的得益而仍處理該些款項。

證監會及香港交易及結算所有限公司在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

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