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Three accountants among nine arrested by ICAC for alleged bribery over listing of Macao construction firm

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In a joint operation mounted last week, codenamed “Sniper”, the ICAC and the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) searched the office of a certified public accountant (CPA) firm and its sister company. The address is also the local registered business address of a Macao construction firm listed in Hong Kong.

During the operation, the ICAC arrested nine persons, including three CPAs and two audit staff of the CPA firm and its sister company. Two of the CPAs were appointed as chief financial officer of the construction firm at different times.

The five CPAs and auditing staff have allegedly accepted bribes totalling over HK\$1 million from the chairman of the construction firm for compiling a false accountants’ report for the construction firm’s submission to the Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Limited in relation to its listing on the Main Board. The ICAC suspects that part of the businesses mentioned in the accountants’ report does not exist and the report might have concealed some connected transactions.

The Macao Commission Against Corruption is also conducting an investigation into possible offences committed by the relevant persons in Macao and searched a number of premises, including the office of the construction firm.

The ICAC also interviewed a number of persons and searched various premises during the operation.

All arrestees have been released on ICAC bail. While enquiries are continuing, it is not appropriate for the ICAC to make further comments.

The ICAC and the FRC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in September this year to enhance collaboration in fighting against corruption, illicit activities and malpractices. The two organisations will continue to maintain close collaboration to foster the audit quality and integrity of financial reporting by listed entities and their auditors and the integrity of the financial market.

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新聞公佈

廉署拘捕三名會計師等九人涉嫌收賄助澳門建築公司上市

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廉政公署(廉署)與財務匯報局(財匯局)上星期採取代號「狙擊手」聯合行動，搜查一間會計師事務所及其同系公司的辦公室。該地址亦是一間在港上市澳門建築公司的香港登記業務地址。

廉署在行動中拘捕九人，包括會計師事務所及同系公司的三名會計師及兩名審計人員。其中兩名會計師先後出任該建築公司的首席財務官。

該五名會計師／審計人員涉嫌收受該建築公司主席逾100萬港元賄款，以製備虛假會計師報告，供該建築公司向香港交易及結算所有限公司申請在主板上市時使用。廉署懷疑該會計師報告所提及的部份業務並不存在，而報告或隱瞞了一些關連交易。

澳門廉政公署亦立案調查相關人士在澳門境內可能干犯的罪行，並搜查澳門多個地點，包括該建築公司的辦公室。

此外，廉署在行動中亦會見多名人士及搜查多個地點。

所有被捕人士已獲准保釋候查。調查仍然繼續，廉署不宜作進一步評論。

廉署與財匯局今年9月簽訂諒解備忘錄，加強合作以共同打擊涉及上市實體的貪污罪行、非法活動及違規行為。雙方將繼續保持緊密合作，確保上市實體及其核數師的優質審計及誠信財務匯報，維護金融市場誠信廉潔。

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