
Press Release by CPIB

(Embargoed till charges are read in Court on 3 December 2015)

Underhand Tactics For Unfair Advantage

The abuse of one's privileged position in a government organisation to favour a particular individual or company for personal gain can result in dire consequences.

2 On 3 December 2015, Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael, a 55-year-old female Singaporean who was a former lead contract specialist of the United States Navy (U.S. Navy), will be charged in Court for the following corruption and money-laundering offences:

- i. Seven counts of corruptly obtaining gratification worth a total sum of S\$130,278.24 in the form of cash and paid accommodation in luxury hotels from one Leonard Glenn Francis, the Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Defense Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd, as a reward for providing him with non-public U.S. Navy information, an offence punishable under Section 6(a) of the *Prevention of Corruption Act*, Chapter 241.
- ii. One count of converting cash of S\$50,000, which was gratification corruptly accepted under Section 6(a) of the *Prevention of Corruption Act*, Chapter 241, to payment for an insurance policy, an offence under Section 47(1)(b) and punishable under Section 47(6) of the *Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act* (Chapter 65A).

- iii. One count of using cash of S\$50,000, which was gratification corruptly obtained under Section 6(a) of the *Prevention of Corruption Act*, Chapter 241, as payment for an Option to Purchase a condominium, an offence under Section 47(1)(c) and punishable under Section 47(6) of the *Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act* (Chapter 65A).

3 The Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) had worked closely with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) and the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) to conduct a joint investigation that resulted in the prosecution of Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael.

4 Singapore adopts a zero tolerance approach towards corruption. The CPIB takes a serious view of any corrupt practices and the laundering of benefits from criminal conduct, and will not hesitate to take action against any party involved in such acts. Singapore has in place a framework for international cooperation with overseas legal, law enforcement and regulatory agencies. The CPIB will continue to work closely with foreign law enforcement agencies in the investigation of corruption offences.

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SECTIONS 123-125**

1st CHARGE

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, on or about 30 November 2006, in Singapore, being an agent, to wit, a Lead Contract Specialist in the employ of the United States Navy (“U.S. Navy”), did corruptly obtain from one Leonard Glenn Francis (“Leonard”), the Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Defense Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd (“GDMA”), gratification in the form of 5 nights’ hotel accommodation at The Ritz-Carlton Bali priced at \$3,801.74 and paid by GDMA, as a reward for doing an act in relation to your principal’s affairs, to wit, provide non-public U.S. Navy information to Leonard, and you have thereby committed an offence punishable under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241).

Punishment under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241): Any person convicted for an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.

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2nd Charge

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, on or about 22 December 2007, in Singapore, being an agent, to wit, a Lead Contract Specialist in the employ of the United States Navy (“U.S. Navy”), did corruptly obtain from one Leonard Glenn Francis (“Leonard”), the Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Defense Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd (“GDMA”), gratification in the form of 7 nights’ hotel accommodation at Sheraton Jumeriah Beach Dubai priced at \$7,061.41 and paid by GDMA, as a reward for doing an act in relation to your principal’s affairs, to wit, provide non-public U.S. Navy information to Leonard, and you have thereby committed an offence punishable under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241).

Punishment for Section 6 (a) of Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241)

Any person convicted for an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000/- or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both

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3rd Charge

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, on or about 23 December 2007, in Singapore, being an agent, to wit, a Lead Contract Specialist in the employ of the United States Navy (“U.S. Navy”), did corruptly obtain from one Leonard Glenn Francis (“Leonard”), the Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Defense Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd (“GDMA”), gratification in the form of 2 nights’ hotel accommodation at The Ritz Carlton, Jumeirah Beach Dubai priced at \$2,600.93 and paid by GDMA, as a reward for doing an act in relation to your principal’s affairs, to wit, provide non-public U.S. Navy information to Leonard, and you have thereby committed an offence punishable under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241).

Punishment for Section 6 (a) of Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241)

Any person convicted for an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000/- or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both

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4th CHARGE

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, in or around December 2008, in Singapore, being an agent, to wit, a Lead Contract Specialist in the employ of the United States Navy (“U.S. Navy”), did corruptly accept from one Leonard Glenn Francis (“Leonard”), the Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Defense Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd (“GDMA”), gratification of S\$50,000 cash, as a reward for doing an act in relation to your principal’s affairs, to wit, provide non-public U.S. Navy information to Leonard, and you have thereby committed an offence punishable under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241).

Punishment under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241): Any person convicted for an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.

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5th CHARGE

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, on or about 3 February 2009, in Singapore, did convert property, namely a cash sum of S\$50,000, which in whole directly represented your benefits from criminal conduct, namely, corruptly accepting gratification under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241), to wit, by applying the said sum to the payment for Prudential Prusave Limited Pay policy number 39093643, and you have thereby committed an offence under section 47(1)(b) and punishable under section 47(6) of the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act (Chapter 65A).

Punishment under section 47(6) of the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act (Chapter 65A): Any person who commits an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction, if the person is an individual, to a fine not exceeding \$500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or to both.

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6th CHARGE

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, on or about 4 April 2009, in Singapore, being an agent, to wit, a Lead Contract Specialist in the employ of the United States Navy (“U.S. Navy”), did corruptly obtain from one Leonard Glenn Francis (“Leonard”), the Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Defense Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd (“GDMA”), gratification of S\$50,000 cash, as a reward for doing an act in relation to your principal’s affairs, to wit, provide non-public U.S. Navy information to Leonard, and you have thereby committed an offence punishable under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241).

Punishment under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241): Any person convicted for an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.

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7th CHARGE

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, on or about 4 April 2009, in Singapore, did use property, namely a cash sum of S\$50,000, which in whole directly represented your benefits from criminal conduct, namely, corruptly obtaining gratification under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241), to wit, by applying the said sum to the payment for an Option to Purchase a condominium unit located at Block 21B #09-45, Double Bay Residences, and you have thereby committed an offence under section 47(1)(c) and punishable under section 47(6) of the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act (Chapter 65A).

Punishment under section 47(6) of the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act (Chapter 65A): Any person who commits an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction, if the person is an individual, to a fine not exceeding \$500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or to both.

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8th Charge

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, on or about 6 February 2011, in Singapore, being an agent, to wit, a Lead Contract Specialist in the employ of the United States Navy (“U.S. Navy”), did corruptly obtain from one Leonard Glenn Francis (“Leonard”), the Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Defense Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd (“GDMA”), gratification in the form of 3 nights’ hotel accommodation at Shangri-la Hotel, Jakarta priced at \$1,836.42 and paid by GDMA, as a reward for doing an act in relation to your principal’s affairs, to wit, provide non-public U.S. Navy information to Leonard, and you have thereby committed an offence punishable under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241).

Punishment for Section 6 (a) of Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241)

Any person convicted for an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000/- or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both

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9th Charge

You,

Gursharan Kaur Sharon Rachael
Female / 55 years old
NRIC: S1441514I
Date of Birth: 9/10/1960

are charged that you, on or about 27 August 2011, in Singapore, being an agent, to wit, a Lead Contract Specialist in the employ of the United States Navy (“U.S. Navy”), did corruptly obtain from one Leonard Glenn Francis (“Leonard”), the Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Defense Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd (“GDMA”), gratification in the form of 7 nights’ hotel accommodation at St Regis Bali Resort, Bali priced at \$14,977.74 and paid by GDMA, as a reward for doing an act in relation to your principal’s affairs, to wit, provide non-public U.S. Navy information to Leonard, and you have thereby committed an offence punishable under section 6(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241).

Punishment for Section 6 (a) of Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 241)

Any person convicted for an offence under this section shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000/- or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both