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**Statement on first criminal case in relation to provision of
false or misleading information to the Competition Commission**

In response to the first criminal prosecution for provision of false or misleading information to the Competition Commission (Commission), the Commission has issued the following statement:

In the course of its investigation into alleged anti-competitive conduct involving a building maintenance project of an industrial building in Tuen Mun, the Commission had exercised its investigation powers under Section 42 of the Competition Ordinance (Ordinance) to require an individual to attend before the Commission and answer questions relevant to the investigation. Upon further investigation, it was suspected that the individual had knowingly or recklessly provided false or misleading information to the Commission during the interview. The Commission subsequently referred the case to the Hong Kong Police Force for criminal investigation.

The case was brought before the Eastern Magistrates' Courts for mention today. The concerned individual was charged with one count of providing false or misleading information to the Commission, in contravention of Section 55 of the Ordinance. Any person convicted of an offence under this section shall be liable to a fine of up to HK\$1,000,000 and to imprisonment for up to two years. This is the first case in which a person has been charged with providing false or misleading information to the Commission.

The investigation powers conferred by the Ordinance on the Commission include requiring any person to produce documents or information and to attend before the Commission to answer questions relevant to its investigations, as well as entering and searching relevant premises pursuant to a court warrant.

The Commission would like to reiterate that all persons must cooperate with its investigations, and that non-compliance with its investigation powers is a criminal offence and could lead to serious legal consequences.

The Commission is grateful to the Hong Kong Police Force for their assistance in this case.
