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**Competition Commission carries out new round of enforcement actions
in building maintenance bid-rigging case
*28 building maintenance projects in Hong Kong involved***

The Competition Commission (Commission) conducted a second round of enforcement actions yesterday (12 August 2026) under its operation codenamed “Hunter”, in relation to a building maintenance bid-rigging case. This search operation is an extension of the first round¹ of searches conducted in January this year. After an in-depth analysis of the evidence seized earlier, the Commission uncovered new leads and decided to expand its scope of investigation. During the operation yesterday, the Commission executed search warrants at 12 premises, which included the offices of four building contractors and the residences of the individuals involved. The case concerns maintenance projects of 28 housing estates and buildings, involving contracts with an estimated total value of around HK\$500 million.

Among the evidence seized during the first round of the operation, the Commission unearthed a series of suspicious text messages exposing the potential existence of another hidden bid-rigging syndicate that attempted to manipulate the outcome of the tender for a building maintenance project. The conversation revealed that during the project’s tendering process, a contractor who was not previously under investigation (the Contractor), had allegedly scouted for other contractors through middlemen to submit cover bids. However, the response the Contractor received was that some contractors had already been recruited by others to participate in bid-rigging for the same project.

Upon conducting an in-depth analysis, the Commission further discovered that the Contractor had allegedly engaged in anti-competitive practices in multiple building maintenance projects, including disseminating instructions on bidding prices, which were commonly referred to as “homework”, for the purpose of manipulating tender results. Such conduct is suspected to have constituted bid-rigging, market-sharing, price-fixing and exchanging competitively sensitive information, in contravention of the First Conduct Rule of the Competition Ordinance (Ordinance). The Commission has therefore taken action against the Contractor, other contractors involved and the relevant individuals.

The case involved 28 building maintenance projects spanning 12 districts across Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories. Some of these projects have yet to be awarded, while works of other projects have commenced or were completed prior to the commencement of the Commission’s investigation. The Commission has been reaching out to relevant stakeholders of the buildings involved in the case.

During the operation, in addition to executing the search warrants, the Commission also exercised its compulsory powers to request relevant parties to produce documents and information, and to attend before the Commission to provide relevant information. The Commission will also maintain close contact with other law enforcement agencies regarding the case.

¹ See the Commission’s press release on [29 January 2026](#).

To ensure that the investigations could be carried out effectively, it is not appropriate for the Commission to publicise the targets or details of the case at this stage. Upon completion of the investigations, should the Commission decide to take further actions, announcements will be made accordingly.

The Commission calls on anyone who suspects a contravention of the Ordinance (including bid-rigging) to contact the Commission as soon as possible by telephone at 3462 2118, e-mail (complaints@compcomm.hk), post, or in person at the Commission's office (by appointment only). Those who may have engaged or been involved in cartel conduct should approach the Commission as soon as possible for leniency or cooperation (Leniency Hotline: 3996 8010; e-mail: leniency@compcomm.hk).

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