

Oxford University Press

Case ID:

ST-298

Case Cluster :

Oxford University Press

Jurisdiction of Settlement / Enforcement Agency:

Integrity Vice Presidency

Jurisdiction of Foreign Public Official(s) :

Unspecified sub-Saharan African countries (acts by Kenyan and Tanzanian subsidiaries whose geographical region included Kenya, Burundi, Malawi, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, Zanzibar archipelago)

Year of Settlement:

2012

Month/Day of Settlement (or Notes):

07/03

Other Jurisdictions of Settlement:

United Kingdom

Settlement with Individual or Legal Person?:

Legal Person

Type of Settlement:

Administrative

Legal Form of Settlement:

Negotiated Resolution Agreement

Monetary Sanctions (Types):

Unspecified

Total Monetary Sanctions (US\$):

\$500,000.00

Civil Disgorgement of Profits (US\$) :

\$0

Civil Prejudgment Interest (US\$) :

\$0

Civil Fine / Penalty (US\$):

\$0

Other Civil Monetary Sanctions (US\$):

\$500

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Monetary Sanctions Returned / Ordered Returned (US\$):

\$0

UNCAC Articles(s) Implicated:

Art.16

Art.26

OECD Anti-Bribery Convention Articles Implicated:

Art. 1, Art. 2

Offenses - Alleged:

Improper payments to government officials

Offenses - Settled:

Improper payments to government officials

Public Procurement Contract / SOE Involved?:

Yes

Summary:

According to the World Bank Press Release, "The World Bank Group today announced the debarment of two wholly-owned subsidiaries of Oxford University Press (OUP), namely: Oxford University Press East Africa Limited (OUPEA) and Oxford University Press Tanzania Limited (OUPT) - for a period of three years following OUP's acknowledgment of misconduct by its two subsidiaries in relation to two Bank-financed education projects in East Africa. The debarment is part of a Negotiated Resolution Agreement between OUP and the World Bank Group. In May 2011, investigators from the World Bank's Integrity Vice Presidency (INT) approached OUP about potential misconduct in Africa. Following this, OUP conducted an internal investigation into its operations and reported its findings to INT. [] The two companies made improper payments to government officials for two contracts to supply text books in relation to two World Bank-financed projects. As a result, OUPEA and OUPT will be debarred for three years and OUP will receive a conditional non-debarment. In addition, in order to remedy part of the harm done by the misconduct, OUP has agreed to make a payment of US\$500,000 to the World Bank as part of the Negotiated Resolution." (Source: The World Bank Press Release, "World Bank Sanctions Oxford University Press for Corrupt Practices Impacting Education Projects in East Africa," July 3, 2012.)

Sources :

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