

## Mabey & Johnson Ltd. / Richard Gledhill

**Case ID:**

ST-262

**Case Cluster :**

Mabey & Johnson Ltd.

**Jurisdiction of Settlement:**

United Kingdom

**Jurisdiction of Settlement / Enforcement Agency:**

Serious Fraud Office

**Jurisdiction of Foreign Public Official(s) :**

Iraq (UN Oil-for-Food)

**Year of Settlement:**

2011

**Month/Day of Settlement (or Notes):**

02/23

**Other Jurisdictions of Settlement:**

Unknown

**Settlement with Individual or Legal Person?:**

Individual

**Type of Settlement:**

Criminal

**Legal Form of Settlement:**

Guilty Plea

**Monetary Sanctions (Types):**

None

**Total Monetary Sanctions (US\$):**

\$0.00

**Criminal Fine/Penalty (US\$) :**

\$0

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

\$0

**UNCAC Articles(s) Implicated:**

Art.16

**OECD Anti-Bribery Convention Articles Implicated:**

Art. 1

**Offenses - Alleged:**

"Sanctions Offenses"

**Offenses - Settled:**

"Sanctions Offenses"

**Public Procurement Contract / SOE Involved?:**

Yes

**Summary:**

According to the UK Serious Fraud Office Press Release, on February 23, 2011, "Two former directors and a sales manager of engineering firm Mabey & Johnson Ltd have been sentenced today for providing kickbacks to the Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein. Charles

Forsyth, David Mabey and Richard Gledhill inflated the contract price for the supply of steel bridges and disguised illegal payments that were channelled through Jordanian banks. The sentences are: \*Richard Charles Edward Forsyth, 63, former managing director was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment, disqualified from acting as a company director for five years and was ordered to pay prosecution costs of £75,000. \*David Mabey, 49, former sales director, to eight months imprisonment, disqualified from acting as a company director for two years and was ordered to pay prosecution costs of £125,000. \*Richard Gledhill, 64, former sales manager, to eight months imprisonment, suspended for two years. On 10 February 2011, a Southwark Crown Court jury found Charles Forsyth and David Mabey guilty of making illegal payments to Iraq during 2001/02 in breach of United Nations sanctions. Richard Gledhill, who was sales manager for contracts in Iraq, pleaded guilty to sanctions offences at an earlier hearing and gave evidence for the Prosecution. The company, Mabey & Johnson Ltd, of Twyford, Berkshire, had entered into a contract under the UN Oil-For-Food Programme to supply 13 steel modular bridges. The illegal payments of over €420,000 that secured the contract with the Iraqi government represented 10% of the total contract value." (Source: UK Serious Fraud Office Press Release, "Mabey & Johnson Ltd: Former executives jailed for helping finance Saddam Hussein's government," February 23, 2011. For background on the case, see UK Serious Fraud Office Press Release, "Mabey & Johnson directors made illegal payments to Saddam Hussein's Iraq to gain contract," February 10, 2011.)

**Sources :**

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