

Aluminum Bahrain B.S.C. / Bruce Alan Hall UK SFO Case

Case ID:

ARW-13

Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:

Bahrain

Position of Public Official(s) (yrs in office):

Chief Executive Officer of State-Owned Entity, 2001-2005

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:

United Kingdom

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:

Undertaking Recovery Effort, Location of Recovery Effort

Asset Recovery Start:

2009

Asset Recovery End:

2014

UNCAC Offenses Implicated:

Art.16

Art.18

Art.21

Money laundering Implicated:

Yes

Legal Basis for Asset Recovery:

Criminal Prosecution and Compensation

Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:

Other

Basis for Intl Cooperation:

Extradition from Australia and "liaison with foreign authorities." (Source: UK Serious Fraud Office press release, "Bruce Hall sentenced to 16 months in prison," 22 July 2014.)

Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:

Compensation to Alba ordered as part of Mr. Hall's sentence.

Status of Asset Recovery :

Completed

Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:

Assets Returned to Victim or Requesting Jurisdiction

Case Summary:

According to the July 22, 2014 press release by the UK's Serious Fraud Office, Mr. Hall was sentenced to imprisonment for "conspiracy to corrupt, in relation to contracts for the supply of goods and services to a Bahrain company, Aluminum Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba). [] [The Court] heard how Mr. Hall received [GBP] 2.9 million in corrupt payments between 2002 and 2005, including 10,000 Bahraini dinars in cash from Sheikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, a member of the Bahraini royal family and at the time Bahrain's minister of finance and Alba's chairman. The payments were made in exchange for Mr. Hall agreeing to and allowing corrupt arrangements that Sheikh Isa had been involved in before Mr. Hall's appointment as CEO to continue." (Source: UK Serious Fraud Office Press Release, "Bruce Hall sentenced to 16 months in

prison," 22 July 2014.) As part of his sentence, Mr. Hall was ordered to pay a confiscation order of GBP3,070,106.03; (US\$5,243,560) and in addition, pay Alba compensation in the amount of GBP500,010 (US\$853,987) and pay GBP 100,000 (US\$170,794) as a contribution to prosecution costs.

The SFO also stated that, "As part of Mr. Hall's mitigation he also agreed to divest himself of other corrupt payments he received during his time as the CEO of Alba. These payments were not part of the indictment as the SFO did not have the jurisdiction to prosecute for the conduct acknowledged by Mr. Hall. In order to recover these payments received by Mr. Hall, which amount to US\$900,000, the Director of the SFO elected to launch proceedings under Part 5 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in the High Court. These proceedings were finalised at the High Court on 17 July 2014." (Source: UK Serious Fraud Office Press Release, "Bruce Hall sentenced to 16 months in prison," 22 July 2014.) On July 31, 2014, the SFO announced that the confiscation and compensation orders had been paid in full. (Source: UK SFO Press Release, "Bruce Hall confiscation order paid in full: 31 July 2014.")

See related entry, Aluminum Bahrain B.S.C. / Alcoa Case (Private Civil Action)

Disposition of Criminal Case(s):

According to the July 22, 2014 press release by the UK's Serious Fraud Office, Mr. Hall was sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment; he had entered a guilty plea to charge of Conspiracy to corrupt contrary to Section 1, Criminal Law Act 1977 and Section 1, Prevention of Corruption Act 1906. (Source: UK Serious Fraud Office Press Release, "Bruce Hall sentenced to 16 months in prison," 22 July 2014.)

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Investigative Agency:

Serious Fraud Office; City of London Police Overseas Anti-Corruption Unit





Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Prosecuting Authority/Civil Attorney(s):

Serious Fraud Office

Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery: Courts Involved:

City of Westminster Magistrates' Court; High Court Queens Bench

Documents:

Attachment	Size
 ALBA_UK_SFO_Hall_Sentence_Jul_22_2014.pdf	105.82 KB
 ALBA_UK_SFO_Hall_Consent_Order_Jul_17_2014.pdf	143.86 KB
 ALBA_UK_SFO_Hall_Civil_Recovery_Consent_Form.pdf	225.02 KB
 ALBA_UK__Hall_Paid_SFO_PR_Jul_31_2014.pdf	95.14 KB

Other Sources:

UK Serious Fraud Office Press Release, "Bruce Hall sentenced to 16 months in prison," 22 July 2014, at <http://www.sfo.gov.uk/press-room/latest-press-releases/press-releases-20...>

Bruce Hall Civil Recovery Consent Order Claim Form, at <http://www.sfo.gov.uk/media/269993/140717%20sealed%20claim%20form%20and%20...> (last accessed and downloaded on July 27, 2014);

UK SFO Press Release, "Bruce Hall confiscation order paid in full: 31 July 2014, at <http://www.sfo.gov.uk/our-work/our-cases/case-progress/bruce-hall-and-vi...>

High Court Queens Bench Consent Order of 17 July 2014, at <http://www.sfo.gov.uk/media/270013/140717%20sealed%20consent%20order.pdf>