

Ex-deputy general manager of construction
company charged with handling crime
proceeds

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A former deputy general manager of a construction and engineering company was today (Monday) charged by the ICAC for allegedly handling \$20.3 million in crime proceeds.

leong Wa-kong, 43, formerly employed by Companhia De Construcao E Engenharia San Meng Fai Limitada, was subsequently brought to Eastern Magistracy on one count of dealing with property known or reasonably believed to represent proceeds of an indictable offence, contrary to Section 25(1) of the Organised and Serious Crimes Ordinance.

No plea was taken. Magistrate Mr Winston Leung Wing-chung transferred the case to the District Court for plea on September 24.

The charge alleged that on November 12, 2005, the defendant dealt with bank deposits totalling \$20.3 million in Hong Kong, knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe that the deposits, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly represented the proceeds of an indictable offence.

The defendant was alleged to have transferred the said deposits to a bank account in Hong Kong of a company controlled by Ao Man-long, then Secretary for Transport and Public Works of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

The prosecution was today represented by Senior Public Prosecutor Prakash Daryanani, assisted by ICAC officer Phoebe Saesam.