UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) SA CR NO. CR09-00005
Plaintiff,)) <u>INFORMATION</u> `
v.) [18 U.S.C. § 371: Conspiracy]
RICHARD MORLOK,))
Defendant.	,)))

The United States Attorney charges:

INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to this Information:

1. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 ("FCPA"), as amended, Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78dd-1, et seq., was enacted by Congress for the purpose of making it unlawful, among other things, for certain United States persons and business entities to act corruptly in furtherance of an offer, promise, authorization, or payment of money or anything of value to a foreign government official (or to any person, while knowing that the money or thing of value will be offered, given or

- 2. An unnamed co-conspirator company, hereinafter referred to as Company A, was a Delaware corporation headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita ("RSM"), California, that designed and manufactured service control valves for use in the nuclear, oil and gas, and power generation industries worldwide. Company A sold its products to both state-owned enterprises and private companies in approximately thirty countries around the world. Because Company A was organized under the laws of a State of the United States and had its principal place of business in the United States, it was a "domestic concern" as that term is defined in the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(1)(B).
- 3. Defendant RICHARD MORLOK ("MORLOK") served as Company A's Finance Director from in or around 2002 through in or around 2007. In this capacity, MORLOK oversaw the Finance Department and had responsibility for approving certain commission payments and signing off on wire transfers to the recipients of those commission payments. Approximately ten Company A employees reported to defendant MORLOK during this time. Defendant MORLOK was a citizen of the United States and thus was a "domestic concern" as that term is defined in the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(1)(A).
- 4. Company A's state-owned customers included, but were not limited to, China National Offshore Oil Company, PetroChina, Jiangsu Nuclear Power Corporation (China), Korea Hydro and

Nuclear Power ("KHNP") (Korea), Rovinari Power (Romania), and Safco (Saudi Arabia). Each of these state-owned entities was a department, agency, and instrumentality of a foreign government, within the meaning of the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Sections 78dd-2(h)(2)(A). The officers and employees of these entities, including their Vice-Presidents, Engineering Managers, General Managers, Procurement Managers, and Purchasing Officers, were "foreign officials" within the meaning of the FCPA, Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(h)(2)(A).

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THE CONSPIRACY

Beginning in or around 2002, and continuing through in 5. or around 2007, in the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant MORLOK did unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with others known and unknown to commit an offense against the United States, that is, being a domestic concern, to willfully make use of the mails and the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, and authorization of the payment of any offer, payment, promise to pay, and authorization of the payment of any money, offer, gift, promise to give, and authorization of the giving of anything of value to any foreign official, and to any person, while knowing that the money or thing of value will be offered, given, or promised to a foreign official, for purposes of: (i) influencing acts and decisions of such foreign official in his official capacity; (ii) inducing such foreign official to do and omit to do acts in violation of the lawful duty of such official; (iii) securing an improper advantage; and (iv) inducing such

foreign official to use his influence with a foreign government and instrumentalities thereof to affect and influence acts and decisions of such government and instrumentalities, in order to assist defendant MORLOK, Company A, and others known and unknown in obtaining and retaining business for and with, and directing business to, Company A and others, in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 78dd-2(a).

PURPOSE OF THE CONSPIRACY

6. The purpose of the conspiracy was to make corrupt payments to foreign officials of state-owned enterprises in order to assist in obtaining and retaining business for and with, and directing business to, Company A.

THE MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

- 7. Defendant MORLOK and his co-conspirators employed various manner and means to carry out the conspiracy, including but not limited to the following:
- a. Company A's executives would and did implement a sales approach which encouraged Company A's salespeople to cultivate "friends-in-camp" ("FICs") at Company A's customers.

 Numerous FICs were officers and employees of Company A's state-owned customers holding such positions as Vice-President,

 Engineering Manager, General Manager, Procurement Manager, and Purchasing Officer, and had the authority either to award contracts or to influence the technical specifications of an order in a manner that would favor Company A. As part of the cultivation of FICs at Company A's customers, defendant MORLOK and his co-conspirators often made payments to the FICs in order to assist in obtaining and retaining business for Company A.

- b. Defendant MORLOK and his co-conspirators would and did authorize and approve payments to FICs for the purpose of assisting in obtaining and retaining business.
- c. Defendant MORLOK and his co-conspirators would and did cause Company A's Finance Department to arrange for payment of the predetermined commission payments to the FICs either directly or through Company A's agents and salespeople. Such payment would and did usually occur after Company A had received payment from the customer for the parts or service Company A was providing.
- d. Defendant MORLOK would and did cause Company A employees and agents to make corrupt payments totaling approximately \$628,000 to foreign officials employed at state-owned entities in order to assist in obtaining and retaining business for Company A, and Company A would and did earn approximately \$3.5 million in profits from the contracts that it obtained as a result of these corrupt payments. The corrupt payments were made to foreign officials at state-owned entities including, but not limited to, China National Offshore Oil Company, PetroChina, Jiangsu Nuclear Power Corporation (China), Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power ("KHNP") (Korea), Rovinari Power (Romania), and Safco (Saudi Arabia).

OVERT ACTS

8. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to achieve its purpose and object, defendant MORLOK and his co-conspirators committed the following overt acts in the Central District of

California, and elsewhere, among others:

- a. On or about April 21, 2004, MORLOK caused Company A to wire a commission payment of \$57,658 from its bank account in California to an account in Korea for the purpose of making a corrupt payment to a KHNP official.
- b. In or around August 2004, during an internal audit of Company A's commission payments conducted by Company A's parent company, defendant MORLOK provided false and misleading information to the internal auditors regarding his knowledge of and participation in improper payments made by Company A to foreign officials at state-owned entities.
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1	c. In or around December 2004, during an external
2	accounting audit of Company A, defendant MORLOK provided false
3	and misleading information to Company A's external auditors
4	regarding his knowledge of and participation in improper payments
5	made by Company A to foreign officials at state-owned entities.
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