

Witness Statement of Mr. LIM Paulino

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Buildings Department

Interview Record

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Interviewee: Mr. LIM PAULINO Code of Chinese Name: -

Date of Birth : [REDACTED] Sex : M HKID : [REDACTED]

Telephone No.: [REDACTED] Occupation: Sale Marketing Manager

Nationality : [REDACTED] Spoken Language: English

Interviewing Officer: Mr. HO Ming-ho, Steve

Persons Present: Mr. CHAN Man-yiu

Meeting Place: Meeting Room 1, 29/F, Millennium City 2, No. 378 Kwun Tong Road,
Kowloon

Starting Time and Date: 27.11.2018 9:35am Ending Time and Date: 27-11-2018 11:30a.m.

"This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true."

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Q1. For the site works at Hung Hom Station Extension Works under the Shatin to Central Link Project, which company have you been working for?

A1. BOSA Technology.

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Q2. What is your post with the company?

A2. Sale Marketing Manager, also in charge of the management of this project.

Q3. Please briefly describe your academic background and working experience.

A3. Bachelor in mathematical science, with major in software engineering.

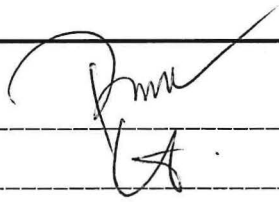
After graduation, experience in security industry for 5 years, before joining BOSA in July 2012.


Q4. When did you start working for the site? Are you employed as a full-time site staff?

A4. Full-time, when the coupler yard was commenced in Oct 2013. After the yard operation became smooth, I split my time, working part-time on the site. But, I did go to the site on each working day.

Q5. Please briefly describe your roles and responsibilities for the site works.

A5. I was responsible for training up BOSA staff, MTR engineers, contractor staff; site and production management; and coupler provision. The training involved coupler installation and protection. I went through QA and QC manuals, including Record of Checking Performed by TCP under MTRC

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Stream as enclosed in Appendix 3, with ~~every~~ steel fixer, Leighton and MTRCL's engineer on site. They realized the steps on the checking of the installation of couplers and knew that the checklist should be signed and kept in the logbook kept at the site office for BD's checking. I liaised with Kelvin Harman, the quality manager of Leighton whose phone number is [REDACTED], about how to improve the coupler checking forms. I often dealt with Edward MOK, whose phone no. is [REDACTED], for processing coupler purchase orders.

Q6. Who is your direct supervisor? What is his/her position?

A6. Mr. Kenny Lim, who is the managing director.

Q7. Can you provide me with his/her contact phone no ?

A7. [REDACTED]

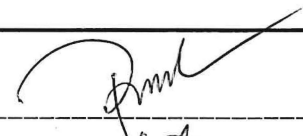
Q8. What are the normal working hours of the BOSA coupler yard on site?

A8. Under normal circumstances, 8:00am to 6:00pm. If necessary, might work

to 9:00pm

Q9. Were there occasions that BOSA was required to provide services outside the normal working hours?

A9. Yes , might work to 9:00pm

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Q10. If yes, who made the request to BOSA?

A10. Edward MOK of Leighton

Q11. Has anyone requested the BOSA coupler yard to operate at night? If yes, who requested?

A11. No, because we only have a working shift daily.

Q12. Totally, how many types of couplers has BOSA provided to the site for the diaphragm wall construction?

A12. Ductility and non-ductility couplers, each of which is further classified into

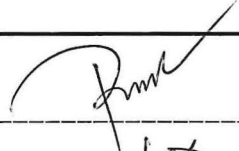
Types A & B.

Q13. Do the types include those shown in Photo Nos. 1 & 2?

A13. Yes.

Q14. What are the difference(s) between Type A and Type B couplers?

A14. Ductility and non-ductility couplers could be distinguished visually by looking at the ^{crimping} ~~cramping~~ surfaces, the rings on ductility couplers, and different color coding. Type A is used for rotating continuous bars, such as vertical rebars. Type B is used for rotating couplers, rather than rebars, for bent rebars.

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Q15. Which company of the site is responsible for ordering couplers from
BOSA?

A15. Leighton

Q16. When it comes to coupler ordering, with whom of the site do you liaise?
May I have his/her contact number?

A16. At the very beginning of site operation, with Marco of Leighton for a
short period of time; afterwards, with Edward MOK of Leighton.


Q17. Has Fang Sheung ever directly liaised with you about coupler provision?

A17. No.

Q18. What training does BOSA provide to site staff with respect to quality
control of coupler installation on site?

A18. We ran training on request by Leighton and MTR to anyone who needed
it.

Q19. Who were the training targets (e.g. site engineer, IOW, foreman, steel bar
fixer)?

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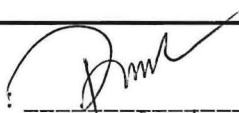
A19. Training to rebar fixers in Cantonese with respect to coupler installation and to site engineers/inspectors of Leighton and MTR with respect to coupler Inspection. Leighton and MTR staff should inspect threaded rebar production and filled the form Quality Control & Inspection Record on Thread Preparation after inspection. The form Independent Checklist for On-site Assembly of BOSA Seisplisce Couplers in Any Location should also be filled. These two forms should be included in the log book kept on site . BOSA may have some attendance lists of the training and if I find them, I will send to BD.

Q20. Is the strength calculation sheet for different number of threads on a threaded rebar at Appendix 1 applicable to couplers provided to the site, assuming that the cut bar can be installed into the coupler?

A20. Coupler material has a tensile strength higher than rebar materials, so it is applicable.

Q21. Have you ever heard anything about cutting of threaded rebars at the site?

A21. No.

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Q22. Have you ever heard about Type A couplers being mistakenly ordered as Type B ones by site staff?

A22. No.

Q23. Technically, would it be acceptable if Type B coupler is changed to Type A coupler by cutting thread portion on site?

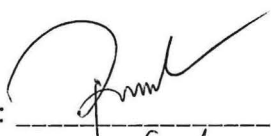
A23. Technically, possible on condition of perfect cutting. But, this change is highly not recommended. After the media report of alleged cutting of threaded rebars, John, Leighton's Project Director, once asked me about the same question.

Q24. Have you ever heard about changing Type B coupler to Type A coupler by cutting thread portion at this site or other sites?

A24. No.

Q25. Appendix 2 shows some samples of coupler order forms. Which company was responsible for preparing coupler order forms?

A25. This form was prepared by BOSA. Leighton staff filled purchase order forms, which were then approved by Edward MOK.

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Q26. Were these order forms also provided copied to Leighton?


A26. Yes.

Q27. Do you have anything to add?

A27. Information on the total number of couplers used for this project
provided by BOSA will be e-mailed to BD later.

"I, PAULINO LIM, have read the above statement and I have been told that I
can correct, alter or add anything I wish. This statement is true. I have made it of my own free
will. This statement consisted of 8 pages and 4 appendixes, and I have a copy."

(Appendix 1 1 page Appendix 2 2 pages
Appendix 3 19 pages 2 photos)

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