

NOTICE UNDER RULE 19 OF THE COMPETITION TRIBUNAL RULES COMPETITION TRIBUNAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION NO. 1 OF 2021

Pursuant to rule 19 of the Competition Tribunal Rules, [Cap 619D], ("the CTR") the Registrar hereby gives notice that an application under section 92, 94 and 96 of the Competition Ordinance, Cap.619, has been filed by the Competition Commission ("the Applicant") on 25 November 2021 against Quadient Technologies Hong Kong Limited (the "1st Respondent"), Quadient International Supply Limited (the "2nd Respondent"), Toppan Forms (Hong Kong) Limited (the "3rd Respondent") and Smartech Business Systems (Hong Kong) Limited (the "4th Respondent").

The Applicant states that all Respondents have contravened the First Conduct Rule by having engaged in price fixing, market sharing, and/or bidrigging in relation to the sale of inserter machines in Hong Kong. The Applicant further states that the 3rd and 4th Respondents were engaged in a concerted practice by exchanging competitively sensitive information with each other which also contravened the First Conduct Rule.

The Applicant seeks orders for

- (a) a declaration that the 1st to 4th Respondents have contravened the First Conduct Rule; and
- (b) pecuniary penalty against all the Respondents.



Any person who has a sufficient interest in the matters to which the application relates may apply for leave to intervene in the proceedings in accordance with rule 20 of the CTR within 28 days from the date on which this notice is published.

The application for leave to intervene must be made by filing the application in Form 3 in the Schedule to the CTR.

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Registrar Competition Tribunal