

Serious Fraud Office and Serco Geografix Limited

Discontinuance of proceedings on expiry of deferred prosecution agreement

Details of compliance

1. This information is published in accordance with paragraph 11(8) of Schedule 17 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013.
2. On 4 July 2019, a Deferred Prosecution Agreement ('the Agreement') between the Serious Fraud Office ('the SFO') and Serco Geografix Limited ("SGL") came into force having been approved by Mr Justice Davis. The Agreement was approved in part in consideration of a Letter of Undertakings ("the Undertakings") from Serco Group plc ("Serco Group") included as Attachment A to the Agreement.
3. On the same day, a bill of indictment was preferred charging SGL with three counts of Fraud by False Representation and two counts of False Accounting (indictment number U20190413). The proceedings were automatically suspended in accordance with paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 17 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013.
4. The Agreement expired on 4 July 2022.
5. On 12 July 2022, the SFO gave notice in writing to the Court, SGL and Serco Group discontinuing the prosecution on indictment number U20190413 in accordance with paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 17 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 and rule 11.8 of the Criminal Procedure Rules.
6. On 12 July 2022, the SFO wrote to Serco Group releasing it from the Undertakings.
7. As detailed below, SGL and Serco Group complied with its obligations under the Agreement and the Undertakings:

Co-operation

SGL and Serco Group co-operated fully with the SFO as required by the Agreement and Undertakings.

Financial Penalty

SGL paid the SFO £19.2 million in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Costs

SGL paid the SFO £3,723,679 for its costs of the investigation, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Corporate Compliance Programme

SGL and Serco Group have complied with the requirements of the Agreement and Undertakings, including by:

- Reviewing and where necessary and appropriate, improving and enhancing its compliance programme, including internal controls, compliance policies, and procedures.
- Reporting annually to the SFO during the term of the DPA.