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Former Vice President of DePuy International Ltd charged with corruption.

Today, Robert John Dougall, aged 44, former Vice President of Market Development of DePuy International Limited ("DPI") of Leeds, appeared before District Judge Timothy Workman at City of Westminster Magistrates' Court in response to a summons alleging conspiracy to corrupt, contrary to the Criminal Law Act 1977.

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Matthew Cowie appearing for the Serious Fraud Office invited the court to send the case to the Crown Court pursuant to section 51 Crime & Disorder Act 1998. The Chief Magistrate, District Judge Workman sent the case to Crown Court at Southwark where Mr Dougall will appear next at 9:45am on 3 February 2010.

Mr Dougall was represented by Mr Shaul Brazil of BCL Burton Copeland Solicitors.

Mr Dougall was given standard directions and granted unconditional bail.

As this is still an ongoing investigation, no further comment can be made.



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Notes to editors

The case was referred to the Serious Fraud Office by the Department of Justice and accepted in March 2008.

(1) The Serious Fraud Office is an independent government department, operating under the superintendence of the Attorney General. The aim of the SFO is to protect society by pursuing and prosecuting those who commit serious and complex fraud. Its Director is Richard Alderman.

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