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# **Alleged Unfair Trade practices in renewable energy sector**

**Case Number: FCA 57**

**Date: OCTOBER 2015**

**Complaint:** On the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014, the Commission received a complaint by Sun and Sea Technology pertaining to the tender that was conducted on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The Complainant alleged that there was some sort of deceitful behavior on behalf of Vetiver Tech and MEJ Electrical (the winner bidder for the tender process referenced above). The Complainant claims that there is a link between the two companies and therefore it is a conflict of interest for the owner of Vetiver Tech to be on the panel for this particular tender. Vetiver Techs' owner/director, Mr. Weber, is part of the Pension Fund Board who was organizing and conducting the Tender for the PV installation.

**Commission's Assessment:** Following the above, the Commission undertook several steps to determine whether there was a case to answer; The Commission searched the web page of Pension Fund to obtain a list of Management and Board of Trustees for pension fund. Mr. Weber of Vetiver Tech was found to be a member of the Board and based on the registration documents of Vetiver, Mr. Weber and Mr. Borremans were both found to be Directors of the company. Further to this, through its correspondence with Pension Fund the Commission found that, Pension Fund invited 5 PV Suppliers to provide a quotation for the design, supply and installation of the solar PV system, they were Energy Solutions Seychelles, Pace Seychelles, Seysolar Green Energy ltd and MEJ Electrical. Mr. Weber of Vetiver Tech was not invited to participate in the tender because of possible conflict of interest in view that he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Seychelles Pension fund. The bid of MEJ Electrical was successful as they provided the best prices for a higher capacity PV system.

**Conclusion:** In line with the above, the Commission concluded that there was no evidence to suggest Mr. Weber's involvement with MEJ Electrical. The contract was made in the name of MEJ Electrical by Mr. Brian Orr and all payments were made to MEJ.