

# Bid-rigging is a serious infringement that harms businesses and consumers



The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (“CCCS”) has penalised Flex Connect Pte Ltd (“FL”) and Tarkus Interiors Pte Ltd (“Tarkus”) for bid-rigging in high-value non-residential interior fit-out tenders. Almost \$10 million in financial penalties have been imposed on the two companies.



## Financial Penalties Imposed:

Flex Connect Pte Ltd - \$4,885,263

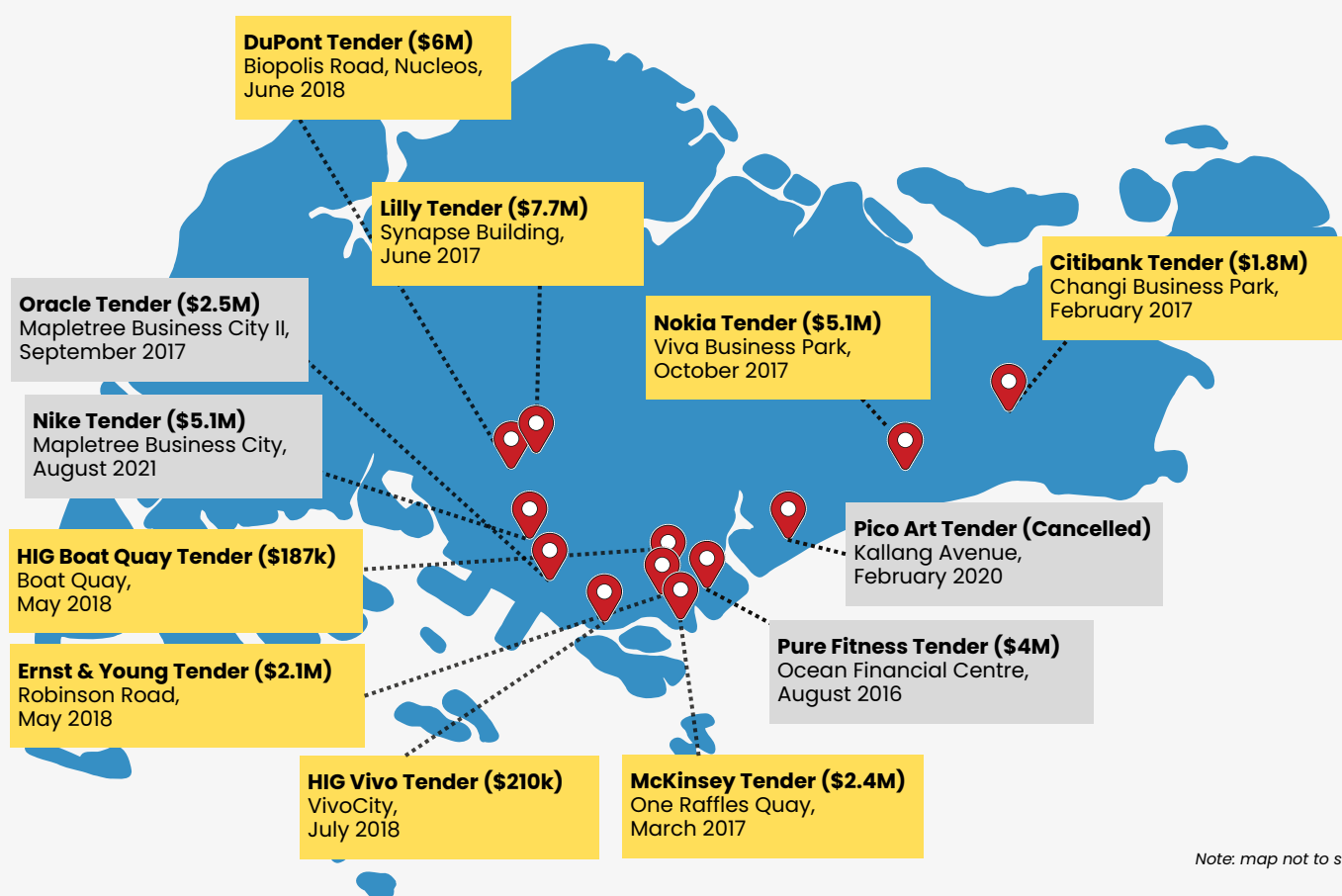
Tarkus Interiors Pte Ltd - \$5,113,918

## 12 Affected Tenders (August 2016 – August 2021)

Affected Market: Interior fit-out construction services in non-residential properties across Singapore

Affected Tender Value Range: between \$187,000 and \$7,700,000

Approx. Total Affected Tender Value: \$34,110,000



### 7 tenders won by Tarkus:

- Citibank’s office at Changi Business Park
- McKinsey’s office at One Raffles Quay
- Nokia’s office at Viva Business Park
- Ernst & Young’s office at 77 Robinson Road
- Hans Im Gluck’s premises at Boat Quay and VivoCity
- DuPont’s office at Nucleos South Tower

### 1 tender won by FL:

- Lilly’s clinical facility at Synapse Building

### 3 tenders not awarded to either FL or Tarkus:

- Pure Fitness gym at Ocean Financial Centre
- Oracle’s Singapore Hub Office at Mapletree Business City
- Nike’s offices at Mapletree Business City

### 1 tender involving Pico Creative Centre was cancelled.

Bid-rigging distorts the competitive bidding process, drives up prices and deprives customers from getting the best value for their tenders. To ensure our markets work well, CCCS will take firm action against such anti-competitive practices.