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Washington, DC – The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) announced that a Chicago-area business owner was indicted for his role in a scheme to defraud the Export Import Bank of the United States.

Victor Luyi Ogebor (Ogebor), 60, the owner of Aegis Trading and Shipping Company (Aegis) of Country Club Hills, Illinois was charged in the indictment with two counts of false claims.

According to information in the indictment, in August 2011, Ogebor filed two claims with Ex-Im Bank alleging the default of two foreign buyers in transactions insured or guaranteed by Ex-Im Bank while knowing that these claims were false, fictitious or fraudulent and that these buyers had not defaulted. This scheme caused over \$150 thousand in losses to the United States.

This case is being prosecuted by the Eastern Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois. The case was investigated by Ex-Im Bank OIG in Washington, D.C.

Ex-Im Bank is an independent federal agency that helps create and maintain U.S. jobs by filling gaps in private export financing. Ex-Im Bank provides a variety of financing mechanisms to help foreign buyers purchase U.S. goods and services.

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