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Notice of Contravention #134

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February 28, 2011

Jun Dong Lyu, President Dong Chul Lyu, President St. George International College Corporation 200-150 Dundas St. W. Toronto, Ontario M5G 1C6

### NOTICE OF CONTRAVENTION

This letter is to inform you, Jun Dong Lyu and Dong Chul Lyu, as the Presidents of the St. George International College Corp. known as St. George International College (SGIC) that on February 22, 2011, it was determined that SGIC contravened the following section(s) of the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005* and/or regulations made under the Act:

- Act, s.8 (1) Prohibition against providing vocational programs (\$2,000)\*
- Act, s.9 (1) Prohibition against charging a fee (\$2,000)\*
- Act, s. 11 of the PCCA, 2005 Prohibition against advertising an unregistered private career college and unapproved programs (\$1,000)
- Act, s.7 of the PCCA, 2005 Prohibition against operating a private career college (\$2,000)\*

For a Summary of each contravention see attached Schedule A.

As per section 51 of *Ontario Regulation 415/06* made under the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005,* SGIC is subject to a penalty in the total amount of \$ 7,000.00 per day. It is important to note that the penalty is levied daily. The total penalty amount is calculated by multiplying the penalty amount indicated above by the number of successive days that the contravention continues.

For example: following 5 successive days that the contravention continues the penalty amount due will be \$35,000.00.

following 15 successive days that the contravention continues the penalty amount due will be \$105,000.00.

#### \*Penalties Doubled-Second Contravention

Penalties denoted with an asterisk have been doubled from \$1000/day to \$2000/day because you have previously been found to have contravened these sections of the Act, details of which are as follows:

- Act, s.8 (1) Prohibition against providing vocational programs (\$2,000)\*
  - Notice of Contravention # 77
  - o Administrative review decision: penalty upheld on November 19 2010
- Act, s.9 (1) Prohibition against charging a fee (\$2,000)\*
  - Notice of Contravention # 77
  - o Administrative review decision: penalty upheld on November 19 2010
- Act, s.7 of the PCCA, 2005 Prohibition against operating a private career college (\$2,000)\*
  - Notice of Contravention # 77
  - o Administrative review decision: penalty upheld on November 19 2010

At this time you are required to provide the ministry with written confirmation of compliance with the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005* and its regulations. Please supply the ministry with the following documents confirming that you have come into compliance with the Act. Written confirmation that SGIC:

- has stopped providing unapproved vocational programs that require approval;
- has stopped charging fees for unapproved vocational programs:
- has stopped advertising an unregistered Private Career College and unapproved vocational programs that require approval; and
- has stopped operating as a private career college.

Once you have confirmed compliance with the Act, the penalties will cease to accumulate and you will receive an invoice that sets out the total penalty outstanding. Payment of the full amount is due within **30 days** of the date of your notification.

If payment is not received within **30 days** after the date the notice of contravention was received, the amount will be subject to interest at the current post-judgment interest rate beginning on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following the date of notice. The current rate can be found at the following address:

www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/courts/interestrates.asp.

#### Review

If you believe that the decision made above is inaccurate you may request a review of this decision by submitting a <u>Request for a Review of a Notice of Contravention</u> form to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities within **15 days** of receipt of the Notice of Contravention.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY	

Allan Scott Superintendent of Private Career Colleges

#### **SCHEDULE A**

## Contravention of section 8 of the PCCA, 2005 - Prohibition against providing vocational programs

On January 20, 2011 designates of the Superintendent conducted a site visit of St. George International College (SGIC). During the site visit, designates interviewed SGIC staff and students. Student records were also reviewed.

During the interview with school representatives, designates questioned the school's owner Dong Chul Lyu (Tony) as to whether or not he continued to enrol students in the ESL Methodologies for Children (EMC) program. The school was advised by the Private Career Colleges Branch on December 2, 2010 that this program required approval under the Act. Tony notified the Superintendent in writing on December 7, 2010 that "at this time, we have suspended the program in accordance with your demands."

When asked if the school has stopped teaching the EMC program as declared by Tony on December 7 2010, Tony responded "No, there are students in class now." When questioned further about the EMC program, school representatives advised designates that the program does not prepare students to teach English to children but is an ESL course designed to teach students English. The school's representatives that were present included Michelle Kim, Tania Davidson (outgoing Education Manager), Tony and Gregory R. Hopkins (incoming Education Manager replacing Tania Davidson).

School administrator Michelle stated "they (students) all want to learn English to get a better job". Tania Davidson stated that "the course is not sufficient to teach English to children. It would not qualify them (students) to teach. They might go in that direction in future but that is not how the course is promoted. It is not a stand alone certificate".

When asked again to clarify the status of the program, Tony stated that "they sent emails to agents to stop promoting the course but they are still very interested in doing it (teaching the course)".

Evidence obtained during student interviews and following review of student files confirmed that the school did in fact continue to offer the EMC program despite being advised by the Ministry on December 2, 2010 that the program required approval.

The program cost as documented on the Letters of Acceptance is \$1495.00. This cost exceeds the exemption threshold of \$1000. Furthermore, the duration of the program is estimated at 4 weeks with full time attendance of 25 hours per week. The total duration of the course is 100 hours. This duration exceeds the exemption threshold of 40 hours.

#### Pre-screening letter:

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Thursday, December 2, 2010

St. George International College Suite 200 - 150 Dundas Street West. Toronto, ON M5G 1C6

Dear Tania Davidson.

Re Registration under the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005

Thank you for completing the private career college pre-screening process to determine whether the following program(s) require approval under the *Private Career Colleges Act*. 2005 (the Act'):

. ESL Methodologies for Children

Based on the information provided in your pre-screening application, the above noted program requires approval by the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges. The program is yocalonal within the meaning of the Act as it is intended to provide students with the skills and knowledge required to obtain employment in a recognized vocation. You are now required to submit an application to register as a Private Career College (PCC) which will include an application for program approval for the above named

On-line Registration & Program Approval

Enclosed you will find a copy of the new User Manual for the Registration information for Career Colleges System (RICC) on a CD Rom The RICC system can be accessed a <u>revive serviceontano carlor</u>. A ministry-issued username and password is required to access the service. Your username and password will be sent to you by email at the address you provided during pre-screening. If you forget your username or password, please email the ministry at possibilities. Please also refer to the attached paper.

cument that outlines processes for applications, including any hard copy cumentation required.

Until your institution has been registered and your program(s) have been approved. It is a <u>violation</u> under Sections 6 and 11 of the Act to offer or deliver or to advertise the delivery of your viocational program(s), respectively. Additionally, until such time as your institution is replated and your programs are approved. It is also a <u>violation</u> of section 0 of the Act to charge or collect a feel in relation to a viocational program.

If the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges believes that a person has contravened certain provisions of the Act or the regulations made under the Act. ally all all of the following enforcement actions may be taken:

- Application for an order from the Superior Court of Justice;
   The issuance of Administrative Monetary Penalties, and/or
   Prosecution for offences under the PCCA, 2005. Upon conviction by a court.

  - A corporation is subject to a fine of up to \$250,000. An individual is subject to a fine of up to \$100,000, a prison term of up to one year, or both, and An offices or director of a corporation, who concurs in the commission of the offence, is subject to a fine of up to \$25,000, a prison term of up to one year, or both.

As an applicant and prospective future PCC operator, you are required to comply with the Act and Ontario Regulations 414/05 and 415/05, which can be found by visiting the government's E-laws website at <a href="http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca">http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca</a>

If, upon reviewing the requirements for registration, you decide that your institution will not be aftering the above-noted program(s), you <u>must</u> notify the ministry in writing so that we may update our files.

H you have any further questions, regarding the registration and program approval process, please contact the Ministry Hotline at (416) 325-0500 or via email at PCC-Spinitario ca

Evangelia Puddefedi Research Analyst Compliance and Enforcement Unit Private Career Colleges Branch

#### **Response Letter from SGIC:**

Statement from school that program delivery has ceased

St. George international College 150 Dundas St. West Suite 200 Toronto, Ontario December 7, 2010

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Post Secondary Education Division 7th Floor, Mowat block 900 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M7A 1L2

Dear Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities:

This letter is in response to a request for registration of our EMC course (ESL Methodologies for Children) as it has been recognized as a vocational course by the ministry despite our previous understanding that the course does not qualify as such.

At this time, we have suspended the program in accordance with your demands. In order to move forward we would like to schedule a sit-down meeting with an MTCU representative in order to further discuss this situation.

We look forward to meeting with you in person and welcome you to contact us either by phone or e-mail to arrange this consultation.

Sincerely,

Dong Chul Lyu Director

The Private Career Colleges Branch has not received an Application for Registration of a Private Career College from SGIC. By offering a vocational program for a fee without first seeking approval from the Superintendent, including having students actively enrolled, SGIC is in contravention of s. 8 of the Act.

Note: This school was previously issued a notice of contravention for offering an illegal TESOL program on May 21 2010.

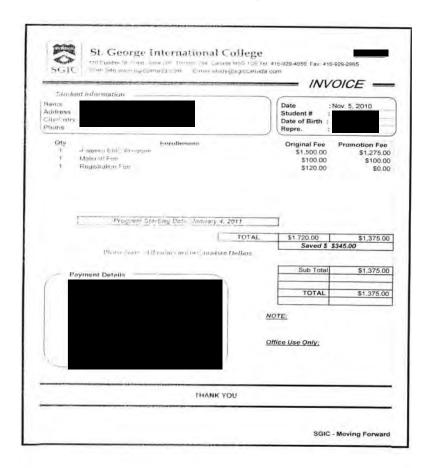
## Contravention of section 9 of the PCCA, 2005 – Prohibition against charging a fee in respect of an unapproved program at an unregistered school

Upon reviewing student files, evidence was gathered to confirm that students were in fact charged a fee for the EMC program.

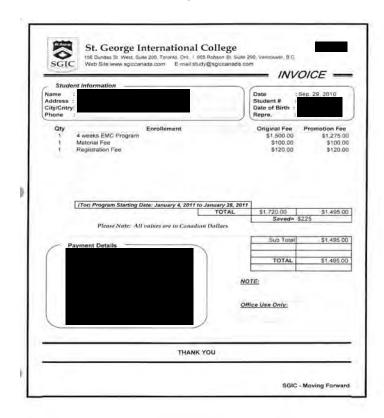
A total of 10 student files were copied and reviewed. Evidence was obtained from the following student files:

#### 1.

- Enrolled in 4 week EMC program
- Start date January 4 2011
- Total fees charged \$1375.00
- Invoice dated November 05, 022010



- Enrolled in 4 week EMC program
- Start date January 4, 2011
- Total fees charged \$1495.00
- Total paid (as evidenced by receipts) \$1152.57
- Invoice dated September 29, 2010





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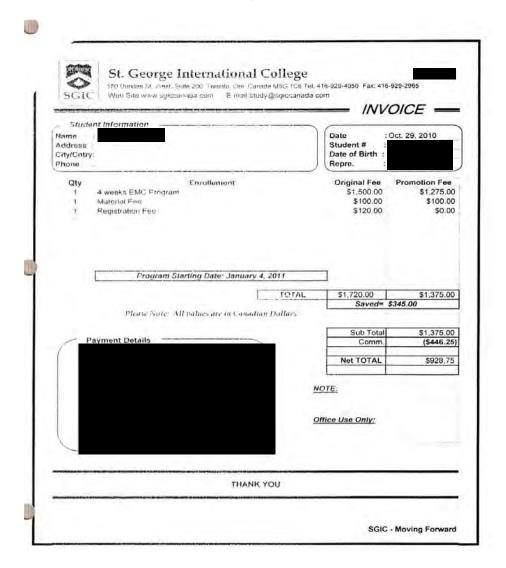
#### LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE PERSONAL INFORMATION 5 CAQ No. INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION 11. Type of school / Institution Toronto, ON, Canada M5G 1C6 3 Telephone number 10. 416-929-4050 10. Fax number: 416-929-2965 PROGRAM INFORMATION 22 Internship Work practicum: No Faultime Hours of instruction per weet Felia ( Program of study ESL Merhodologies for Children Program Level of study. N/A Year of study. N/A Langth N/A Field of work N/A 23. Length of Program Stad date: January 4, 2011 Completion date: January 28, 2011 24 Expiry date for this letter of indeptan January 4, 2011 Full Tuition Payment Required 20. Estimated failion fee for (4 weeks) of the program: \$1,495,00 Signature of institution representative: Printed name of institution representative

David Lyu (Manager, Atmissions)

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#### 3.

- Enrolled in 4 week EMC program
- Start date January 4, 2011
- Total fees charged \$1275.00
- Invoice dated October 29, 2010



Based upon the information supplied above, the designate came to the reasonable belief that St. George International College (SGIC) continued to charge and collect fees for the EMC program despite being advised on December 2, 2010 that the program required approval. The existence of invoices, acceptance letters and Interac receipts support the claim that the school is violating s. 9 of the Act. This evidence also contradicts the school owner's written attestation that SGIC ceased delivery of the EMC program as of December 7, 2010.

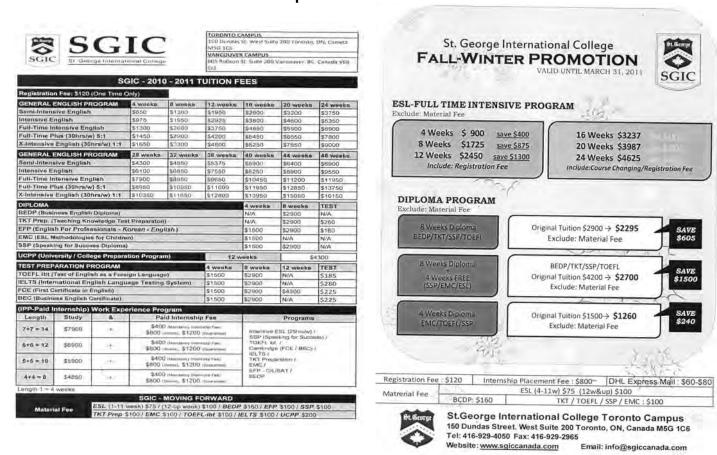
# Contravention of section 11 of the PCCA, 2005 – Prohibition against advertising a private career college an unregistered private career college and unapproved programs

As of January 20, 2011 SGIC continued to advertise the EMC program.

During the site visit, designates retrieved a tuition fee schedule at the school that advertised the program details. On the Tuition Fee schedule, the EMC program is advertised as being a diploma program that is for 4 weeks in duration at a cost of \$1500.

In addition to the fee schedule, designates obtained a copy of a Fall/Winter promotion sheet that listed the 4 week EMC (combined with TOEFL and SSP) program. With the discount applied the program is \$1260.00. The promotion is advertised as valid until March 2011

#### This fee schedule and Fall/Winter promotion sheet are attached below:



Based upon the information supplied above SGIC continues to advertise the EMC program. The information contained in the 'Tuition Fee Schedule' and in the 'Fall/Winter promotion', along with information gathered from students during interviews provides a reasonable basis to conclude that this is the same program that SGIC was told required approval under the Act. It is therefore concluded, that SGIC continues to violate s.11 of the Act, by advertising a vocational program that has not received approval from the Superintendent.

## Contravention of section 7 of the PCCA, 2005 - Prohibition against operating a private career college

A "private career college" is defined in the Act as an educational institution or other institution, agency or entity that provides one or more vocational programs to students for a fee and pursuant to individual contracts with the students,

As noted above, evidence was obtained to conclude that the SGIC is in contravention of section 8 of the Act as it is offering a vocational program without the Superintendent's approval. The school offers an ESL Methodologies for Children (EMC) course to students despite advising the Superintendent on December 7, 2010 that the school is no longer offering this program.

The EMC program was pre-screened by the Compliance and Enforcement Unit and a determination was made on December 2, 2010 that it required approval under the Act. When questioned during an interview on January 20, 2011 about the number of students who were currently enrolled, the schools owner Dong Chul Lyu (Tony) stated that there were '6 – 8 students' in class.

Designates were provided with a list of students who were enrolled in the EMC program. There were a total of 14 students on this list.

Students were interviewed and questioned as to the reason they were taking the EMC program the responses to the question included "I want to teach English to Children" to "I already own a school where I teach children but I do not know how to teach English to Children."; "I want to learn the skills to teach English".

SGIC was advised during the pre-screening process that if it was interested in offering this program, they would have to submit an Application for Registration of a Private Career College.

Also noted above, evidence was obtained to conclude that SGIC is charging a fee for a vocational program without the Superintendents approval. Consequently, SGIC is in contravention of section 9 of the Act.

SGIC is also advertising the program and is in contravention of section 11 of the Act.

Based on the evidence presented in this section, SGIC fits the definition of a private career college as it:

- Is advertising itself as an educational institution offering vocational programs for a fee pursuant to individual contracts with students;
- Delivering vocational programs to students for a fee pursuant to individual contracts with said students; and
- Charging fees to students in vocational programs to pursuant to individual contracts with the students.

Therefore, SGIC is in contravention of S. 7 of the Act.