

OGCIO clarifies BLE Locator Model: SPLD01 a Bluetooth beacon

Regarding an image circulated on the Internet showing a device "BLE Locator Model: SPLD01" which is believed to be a component part inside the smart lamppost that was torn down, a spokesman for the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer clarified today (August 25) that the device in question is the Bluetooth beacon (beacon) installed in the lamppost. The beacon was developed by the Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre for offering positioning service which is more precise than Global Positioning System (GPS) to the public and visitors. SPLD01 stands for "Smart Post Lands Department Model No 01".

"Ticktack Technology Limited" which appeared on the beacon is responsible for the supply and installation of the device concerned. The company is a local small enterprise. The two shareholders/directors of the company and all its employees are local citizens born and brought up in Hong Kong. Established in 2017, the Ticktack Technology Limited is a sub-contractor of the smart lamppost project. Its two shareholders/directors also hold a local company Joint Wisdom Engineering Limited which is a Highways Department sub-contractor for the maintenance of public lighting over the past 10 years.