

# Alstom to Plead Guilty to Bribery of Foreign Officials

✘ The French industrial giant Alstom has agreed to plead guilty and pay the largest fine ever levied by the United States for foreign bribery.

The plea will bring a \$772 million penalty in a bribery investigation led by the U.S. Justice Department.

Alstom, an energy and transportation company, had been under investigation in a plot involving tens of millions of dollars in bribes paid to government officials in Indonesia and other countries to win power contracts, reports *The New York Times*.

“Alstom’s corruption scheme was sustained over more than a decade and across several continents,” said James Cole, deputy attorney general. “It was astounding in its breadth, its brazenness and its worldwide consequences.”

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