



Kickback

Kickbacks are illegal payments which are made in return for the successful conclusion of a transaction, or the acquisition of a contract. Obviously, kickbacks do not appear in a business's financial statements.

Kiting

'Kiting' is a US term which describes a process by which a business can fraudulently improve the appearance of its cash position on the last day of an accounting period. Typically, the business will write a high-value cheque from one of its accounts and credit that amount in a second account. The first account will not have been debited on the relevant day but the second account will have been credited. This results in the business's cash position appearing to be far healthier than it really is.