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## Suspected of putting false invoices on the market for 20 million PLN detained by the CBA

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The CBA agents along with inspectors from Treasury Control Office in Katowice and employees of the Tax Office entered the headquarters of more than 100 companies securing, among others, financial and accounting documentation. The CBA detained a businessman suspected of committing a number of criminal tax offenses.

More than 100 controls, 59 searches, 5 detentions and nearly 2.5 million PLN secured funding - is the result of the activities of the Regional Office of the CBA in Katowice and the Treasury Control Office (UKS) which were conducted under the supervision of the District Prosecutor's Office in Katowice. Detained initiator of illegal placing of fictitious invoices on the market, exposed the State Treasury for losses up to 20 million PLN.

Employees of Treasury Control Office detected Silesian company, which issued and put fictitious invoices on the market. The investigation in this case was initiated by the District Prosecutor's Office in Dąbrowa Górnicza. The company acted illegally, and had injunction of conducting business and was removed from the VAT tax register. Operational work and analytical activities of treasury services led to the determination of the recipients of fictitious invoices.

Blank invoices with a total value estimated at approx. 90 million PLN went to companies on the territory of the whole country. In 5 years through the accounts of the organizer was transferred probably over 40 million PLN. The scale of the irregularities made the District Prosecutor's Office in Katowice, which took over the investigation, decide to coordinate the actions. The first actions took place in 2015.

On 10 March 2016 about 150 inspectors and employees of the UKS in Katowice along

with officers of the Central Anticorruption Bureau on the basis of the provisions of the prosecutor searched 47 entities and secured invoices and tax documentation. At the same time, at the request of the UKS the office asked 20 Silesian tax offices and 6 treasury control offices in Kielce, Kraków, Poznań, Rzeszow, Warsaw and Wrocław to initiate controls in 61 entities.

Thanks to the cooperation with the General Inspector of Financial Information financial resources of a total amount of 2,5 mln PLN was secured. 5 people in the case were detained, against some of them detention and other preventive measures were applied. The main suspect - who in 5 years issued fictitious invoices, what allowed recipients of those invoices to extort the VAT refund and understatement of tax liability - faces fine and imprisonment, for the moment, up to 12 years.

The case is in progress. At this stage, it is estimated that the total damage can reach up to 20 million PLN - only as a result of criminal actions of 1 person.

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