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Corruption at the construction of Jaworzno III, another detainee

The case of corruption in the construction of the 910MW coal block in Jaworzno is gaining momentum. Agents from the Regional Office of the CBA in Katowice detained another person. The main contractor for the investment is Rafako S.A. from Racibórz, and the value of the project exceeds PLN 5.4 billion.

Another thread of the investigation related to the construction of the 910MW coal block in Jaworzno. The CBA officers from Katowice yesterday evening arrested a third person in this case. Preliminary findings indicate, that previously detained Marcin Sz. (head of the company dealing with the construction of the Jaworzno III power plant on behalf of Rafako S.A.) shared accepted bribes. In the split of haul took part his superior - the last of the detainees. Now the CBA checks what the proportions of divided bribes were and who possibly took part in the corrupt practice.

Earlier the CBA agents detained in the act of accepting a 50,000 PLN bribe Marcin Sz. – a manager from this company dealing with the construction of the Jaworzno III power plant on behalf of Rafako SA. The man giving the bribe was a Rzeszów businessman from the construction industry Stanisław R. The detention took place in Katowice, by one of the luxury car showrooms, where the businessman came with his vehicle for car inspection. The detention itself was dynamic, both men were completely surprised.

The CBA officers from Katowice suspect, that the amount of bribes can be increased - the bribe of 50,000 PLN was just one of the tranches. According to the CBA's findings, the money for the engineer from E003B7 Company was to be a corrupt payment for the order itself of the Rzeszów company to participate in the implementation of one of the stages of Jaworzno III power plant construction and to facilitate further financial settlement. Investigators from the CBA determine whether the invoices have been over-estimated by the Rzeszów company with detriment to the contractor and the investor.

The CBA agents searched the apartments of both detainees and the headquarters of the E003B7 company and the company from Rzeszów. Documents regarding the case were secured. Now the detainees and collected evidence will be transferred to the prosecutor's office. From the very beginning, the case is being conducted by the Regional Office of the CBA in Katowice.

The Central Anticorruption Bureau informs entrepreneurs who, as a result of the corruption proposals submitted to them, have been entangled in this procedure and who gave bribes - there is a possibility of using the so-called unpunishability clause resulting from art. 229 para. 6 Penal Code.

In accordance with the Penal Code, the condition for avoiding criminal liability, if the financial or personal benefit or their promise was accepted by a person holding a public function - is a voluntary notification to the law enforcement authorities - in this case the CBA's Regional Office in Katowice or the Silesian Terrain Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption in Katowice. The perpetrator must inform about this fact before the authority finds out about him and must reveal all the relevant circumstances of the offense.

