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Detentions on corruption in the mines: director and 3 businessmen

The Katowice Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau is investigating irregularities and corruption in years 2016-2017 in Mine Restructuring Company (SRK) based in Bytom and its branches.

The CBA agents detained today the former director of the Central Department of Dewatering of Mines Krzysztof M. and three representatives of companies operating in the mining industry.

The officers are searching the suspects' apartments. The detainees will be transferred to the Silesian public prosecutor's office, where they will hear corruption charges.

The whole case started with the officers' own findings and the subsequent special operation of the CBA in the parking lot in front of the shopping center in Silesia. Officers from the CBA's Regional Office in Katowice detained in June this year, red-handed the Vice-President of the Management Board - Director of the Office of Mine Decommissioning and Environmental Protection of the Mine Restructuring Company S.A. Mirosław S. and Grzegorz G., president of a company connected with mines performing million worth orders to the SRK (Mine Restructuring Company). The detention took place a moment after Mirosław S. took 30 thousand PLN bribe for preferential treatment of the Katowice-based company connected to mines in public tenders organized by the Mine Restructuring Company.

A few weeks later, the CBA agents detained Mark C., the head of the mine liquidation monitoring team at Mine Restructuring Company. Marek C. in return for bribes favored the company connected to mines, making it easier for it to obtain orders for works related to the decommissioning of mines owned by the SRK. During the investigation, our agents determined that Marek C., in addition to cash, was given a luxury car with a fuel card. In a few months he spent only on fuel 16 thousand PLN.

In October last year the CBA agents detained Bogdan P., until recently the director of the Makoszowy Coal Mine, who in the period under investigation also acted as the Deputy Director of the Central Complex of Mines Dewatering. Bogdan P. was charged with failure to comply with the obligation to supervise the implementation of investments by waiving the imposition of contractual penalties on the contractor, which led to damage in the amount of over PLN 230,000.; work orders that have been previously suspended, resulting in a loss of over 360,000 PLN and brought direct danger of causing damage in an amount of nearly 530 thousand PLN and acceptance of financial benefits.

The court decided on a temporary detention for suspects detained earlier by the CBA. The suspects' assets in the amount of over 600,000 PLN have been secured for the purpose of future fines and penalties.

The investigation, conducted by the CBA's Regional Office in Katowice, supervises the Silesian Terrain Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office. Investigators from the CBA do not rule out further detentions and enlargement of the list of charges.