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Detentions on corruption in the mines: dean of polytechnic, scientist, companies' presidents

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

In the next stage of the investigation, the CBA agents detained a full professor - dean of the Faculty of Mining and Geology of the Silesian University of Technology, professor of the institute - head of the studio from the Main Mining Institute and vice-president of the board of a company from the underground construction industry and the president of the board of a technical and engineering company.

The CBA officers searched suspects' homes and professors' offices at the Silesian University of Technology in Gliwice and at the Main Mining Institute in Katowice.

Detainees in the Silesian prosecutor's office were charged with corruption.

According to investigative findings, detained men were to hand out financial benefits to representatives of SRK S.A. and its branches in exchange for obtaining public procurements. One of them concerned a hydrogeological study worth about 0.5 million PLN.

The whole case started with the officers' own findings and the subsequent special operation of the CBA in June this year. In the parking lot in front of the shopping center in Silesia officers from the CBA's Regional Office in Katowice detained 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 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.

On 14th February this year the CBA agents detained former director of the Central Mine Dewatering Complex Krzysztof M. and three representatives of companies operating in the mining industry.

Charges in the investigation have already been brought against 13 suspects.

The suspects' assets in the amount of over 730,000 PLN were secured against future fines and fines.

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 extension of the list of charges.

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