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Extorted 10 million zł for broadband Internet. There is no network. The company's management board arrested

The CBA Regional Office in Katowice is investigating the extortion of nearly 10 million zł of EU subsidy for the construction of a broadband Internet access network in 29 cities in the Łódź and Śląskie voivodships in the years 2013-2015 by a Katowice-based joint stock company. The findings of the CBA indicate that the company used unreliable documentation which attested untruth. Co-financing was obtained from the Operational Program Innovative Economy 2007-2013 through an institution implementing the European programs (current Project Center Digital Poland). The network was not created at all, or only partially, and the money was paid out.

The agents of the CBA Regional Office in Katowice detained 4 suspects: two persons managing the Katowice IT company Open-Net S.A. and two representatives of a sub-contractor to carry out the construction of a broadband network in the Żywiec and Łęczyca poviats. The detentions took place in Katowice, Mysłowice, near Włocławek and in one of the towns of the Chrzanów poviat.

The investigation is conducted by the CBA Regional Office in Katowice under the supervision of the Silesian Terrain Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Katowice.

The detainees were brought by the CBA to the headquarters of the National Public Prosecutor's Office in Katowice, where they were charged with, among others, extortion of money in the amount of over 10 million zł from subsidies, bringing a dozen or so of its bondholders to an unfavorable property management in the amount of approx. 1 million zł and money laundering.

By court decision, the president of the company and a member of the supervisory

board were taken into custody.

The case is ongoing - the list of suspects is not closed.



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