

## Further corruption-related detentions

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The CBA officers of the Regional Office in Katowice have detained a further seven persons who handed bribes in exchange for awarding contracts for construction and deconstruction works to employees of the Mine Restructuring Company (Spółka Rekonstrukcji Kopalń S.A.) in Bytom.

The CBA officers of the Regional Office in Katowice, in cooperation with the Silesian Local Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption at the National Prosecutor's Office, have been investigating the matter of accepting financial advantages by the employees of the Mine Restructuring Company in Bytom, holding public functions, in return for abuse of powers granted to them as construction supervision inspectors and for failure to perform their duties which could cause financial damage to the above-mentioned company.

In recent days, the CBA officers detained further persons involved in corrupt practices. This time, they detained seven persons connected with companies that in the years 2017-2021 executed construction and deconstruction works for the Mine Reconstruction Company, Centrum Hard Coal Mine.

According to the investigators' findings, these persons gave bribes to the company's employees who were authorised as construction supervision inspectors. The money constituted a kind of "remuneration" in exchange for granting contracts for construction and deconstruction works.

Against each suspect, the prosecutor has applied bail and a ban on contacts with other suspects.

These are further investigations into this matter. At the beginning of December, the CBA officers detained an investor supervision inspector. The man was apprehended immediately after accepting a bribe of PLN 30 thousand. Still in December, another

person was detained in connection with this case.

We appeal again for all individuals who have given a financial advantage and thus got involved in the case to take advantage of the so-called non-punishment clause under article 229, paragraph 6 of the Criminal Code. The offender must report their being involved in the offence before the law enforcement authorities have learnt about it from a different source and disclose all material circumstances of the criminal offence.

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