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Bribes for favourable tender awards at Polish Gas Distribution System Operator (PSG) - three persons detained

Three entrepreneurs detained by the CBA have heard corruption charges. The investigation relates to the acceptance of financial advantages by the former manager of Polska Spółka Gazownictwa sp. z o.o. (the Polish Gas Distribution System Operator).

Officers of the CBA Regional Office in Poznań, under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin, have been investigating demands and acceptance of financial advantages by a person holding a managerial position in the Polish Gas Distribution System Operator in return for abuse of powers or failure to perform duties involving obstruction of public tenders, entering into agreements with other persons and activities constituting acts of unfair competition or unacceptable preferential practices in connection with conducted tender procedures.

In May this year, officers of the CBA Regional Office in Poznań detained the former manager of the Investment and Repairs Department of the Gas Distribution Unit in Gorzów Wielkopolski of the Polish Gas Distribution System Operator. The man accepted at least PLN 160,000 from identified entrepreneurs during tender proceedings conducted by the Operator in exchange for unauthorised preferential practices consisting in deliberately extending the bidding time limits, preparing cost estimates for bidders, ensuring the possibility of performing additional works and other activities ensuring that the selected bids were considered the most beneficial.

At a further stage of the investigation, additional evidence was gathered based on which, in recent days, three more persons were detained - entrepreneurs from the Wielkopolskie and Podkarpackie voivodeships - who gave financial advantages to the

former manager in return for being awarded tenders.

At the same time, their places of residence and accounting were searched to secure evidence. The detainees heard corruption charges in the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin. By court decision, two persons have been remanded in custody for three months.

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