
In Altai Territory, three entrepreneurs stand trial on large-scale swindling and legalization through management of hazardous wastes

The Altai Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia has finished the investigation into a 35-year-old director of Altai Construction Company LLC, as well as a 33-year-old founder of Utilservis LLC and her 49-year-old domestic partner who actually is one of the managers of the Company. Depending on their involvement, they are charged with crimes under Part 4 of Article 159 (swindling), Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 (legalization (laundering) of funds acquired by a person in an illegal way), and Part 2 of Article 247 (violation of the rules for dealing with environmentally hazardous substances and waste) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

According to the investigators, in June 2016, the joint-stock company Biysk Production Association Sibpribormash had announced a tender for the dumping of hazardous wastes on a specialized site, which had been won by Altai Construction Company LLC, with the signing of a respective contract. Unwilling to fulfill the terms of the contract, the Director of the company had found Utilservis LLC, which had had a license for utilization and deactivation of hazardous wastes. The heads of the two companies had entered into a conspiracy to produce fake documents on admission and utilization of hazardous wastes of the Sibpribormash enterprise on the Tomsk site. However, the wastes had been illegally unloaded and placed on a plot of land in Biysk, which is not registered as a site for storage and dumping of hazardous wastes. These actions inflicted substantial harm to the environment and its contamination. The money in the amount of 40.8 million rubles that Sibpribormash had transferred to the account of Altai Construction Company LLC to pay for the work had been spent by the entrepreneurs at their discretion.

During the preliminary investigation, the accused persons did not plead guilty; however, the investigation gathered enough evidence and, therefore, the criminal case with the approved indictment were sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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