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## **In Saint Petersburg, Director-General of Baltic Hydraulic Equipment Plant LLC charged**

The Saint Petersburg Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has charged 47-year-old Alexander Kharitonov, Director-General of Baltic Hydraulic Equipment Plant LLC, upon the final text of the indictment, with commitment of offences under Part 7 of Article 159 (swindling), and Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 (legalization (laundering) of monetary funds or other property acquired by a person as a result of an offence committed by them) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

The preliminary investigation showed that, from April 2014 to November 2015, Kharitonov, intending to steal the monetary funds of Kirov-Energomash Plant CJSC, had concluded a delivery contract on behalf of this company, under which Baltic Hydraulic Equipment Plant LLC had been obliged to deliver pump equipment used as a part of steam turbine plant on the multipurpose nuclear icebreaker--4 supply pumps worth over 194 million rubles--to Kirov-Energomash Plant CJSC. Upon receiving money from Kirov-Energomash Plant CJSC through transferring it to the account of Baltic Hydraulic Equipment Plant LLC amounting to over 97 million rubles, the defendant had intentionally failed to discharge his obligations, used the received money to his benefit and allocated them at his sole discretion for operating of Baltic Hydraulic Equipment Plant LLC.

The criminal investigation is ongoing.

In addition, in January 2017, the court issued an indictment against Kharitonov under Part 1 of Article 199.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (tax agent's failure to discharge their duties).

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