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## **Criminal investigation on misappropriation of funds from JSC “Russtroybank” is finalized**



The Main Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has finalized a criminal investigation against Ms. Irina Piskunova, Deputy Chairman of the Board of "Russtroybank" JSC, Ms. Olga Kornyshova, Vice President, and Mr. Vladimir Khoroshko, a businessman. They are accused of committing a crime prescribed in Part 4, Article 160 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (conversion in possession entrusted to the accused, committed by a person using its official position, organized by a group, on an especially large scale).

According to the investigation, in 2013 Ms. Piskunova, Ms. Kornyshova and Mr. Khoroshko embezzled the funds issued by the bank as a loan to the affiliated company by transferring them on fictitious grounds to individual entrepreneurs and further transferring them to the Chairman of the Bank's Board for personal needs; they acted as part of an organized group and were guided by a lucrative impulse. Their actions caused damage to the bank in the amount of 119 million rubles.

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Interim measures were taken as seizure of the property of the accused within the investigation.

The investigation collected a sufficient evidence, in connection with which the criminal case against Ms. Piskunova and Ms. Kornyshova was sent to court with an approved indictment for consideration on the merits, and the criminal case against Mr. Khoroshko was sent to resolve the issue of being transferred to court.

Earlier, the former Vice-President of "Russtroybank", Mr. Maxim Belyakov, and Mr. Zakhar Kotov were convicted of embezzlement. The former President of "Russtroybank", Mr. Andrey Strukov, has been put on the International Wanted List.

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