
A criminal case was launched in Krasnoyarsk over cartel collusion scheme in road repair sector

The Second Directorate for the Investigation of Particularly Important Cases of the Main Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia for the Krasnoyarsk Territory and the Republic of Khakassia has initiated a criminal case against the former head of the municipal enterprise "Specialized Transport Enterprise" of Krasnoyarsk and the general director of LLC "PromStroy." They are suspected of committing a crime under clauses "a" and "b" of Part 2 of Article 178 of the Criminal Code of the RF (restriction of competition through the conclusion of an anti-competitive agreement - cartel).

The criminal case was launched based on materials from the Krasnoyarsk Territory Prosecutor's Office.

Preliminary data suggests that in April 2023, the suspects entered into an agreement to restrict competition, leading to price maintenance in tenders. According to the arrangement, LLC "PromStroy," being one of the most experienced participants in the road repair market, was to abstain from participating in open competitions, allowing the municipal enterprise "SATP" of Krasnoyarsk to win them under the most favorable conditions. Subsequently, the commercial enterprise would receive these volumes of work under subcontract agreements.

Under this criminal scheme, two municipal contracts for road repairs in seven districts of Krasnoyarsk were signed with the municipal enterprise in May 2023, totaling more than 1 billion rubles. Subsequently, subcontract agreements for the same amount were concluded with LLC "PromStroy."

As a result of the cartel agreement, LLC "PromStroy" was provided with guaranteed market access and revenue under the best conditions. The municipal enterprise received 0.5% of the general contractor's retentions, amounting to more than 5 million rubles.

Additionally, the general director of LLC "PromStroy" is suspected of illegally withdrawing funds from the organization by fabricating fake orders for their transfer, amounting to at least 33 million rubles (Part 1 of Article 187 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation).

Currently, investigative actions are being carried out to collect and secure the evidence base. Investigators are interrogating suspects and witnesses, and other investigative actions are being

performed.

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