
Kreditimpex Bnak searched under investigation in stealing more than 8 billion rubles



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee during investigation of a criminal case over large-scale stealing of over 8 billion rubles from the Russian budget by illegal return of VAT has found Kreditimpex Bank involved in money laundering by assisting in withdrawing the money overseas.

It was found that in the period between 2009 and 2010, more than 600 million rubles stolen from budget funds were transferred to a settlement account of one of the companies in Kreditimpex Bnak. The money than was converted in foreign currency, withdrawn by the bank outside the Russian Federation and spent it on constructing real estates (a hotel and sports facilities) in a resort country. During 2009-2010 a total of more than 9 billion rubles were withdrawn through the accounts of this company using the same scheme. The bank's own funds in the state period in accordance with

official reports submitted to Central Bank of the Russian Federation did not exceeded 180 million rubles and the authorized capital was 112,800,000 rubles.

In connection with these facts the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee together with the Federal Security Service is searching Kreditimpex Bnak to find, register and seize traces of the crime.

Based on the results of a number of planned investigating operations it will be decided whether to present to the Central Bank of the Russian Federation a statement on taking measures to eliminate circumstances contributing to the crime and on possible recall of license from Kreditimpex Bnak and legal qualification will be given to actions of bank staff.

We remind that under this investigation two former operative agents of tax crimes department of Moscow South Western Administrative District Directorate of Internal Affairs Dmitry Khristoforov and Sergey Oganov have already been charged. They are suspected of exceeding official powers entailing grave consequences (paragraph "c" of part 3 of article 286 of the RF Criminal Code). In addition policemen, staff of tax inspectorates and banks are being checked on being involved in the crime.

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