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The Katowice prosecutor's office received a request to extend the detention of Jarosław P., head of Track Tecu. He is one of those detained in connection with the Stanisław Kogut case



Jarosław P. is 16th on the list of the richest Poles according to the Forbes magazine, and ranks 22 in the Wprost ranking. Years ago he developed the CTL company, which has gained a strong position on the domestic freight market. In 2008, it sold 75% shares in the Bridgepoint fund. It was one of the largest transactions on the domestic transport market valued at PLN 1.4 billion. Soon, however, he returned to the rail business, developing the company Track Tec, the largest supplier of railway sleepers on the Polish market. Track Tec is also a strong international player - it delivered sleepers to, for example, Saudi Arabia and Scandinavia.



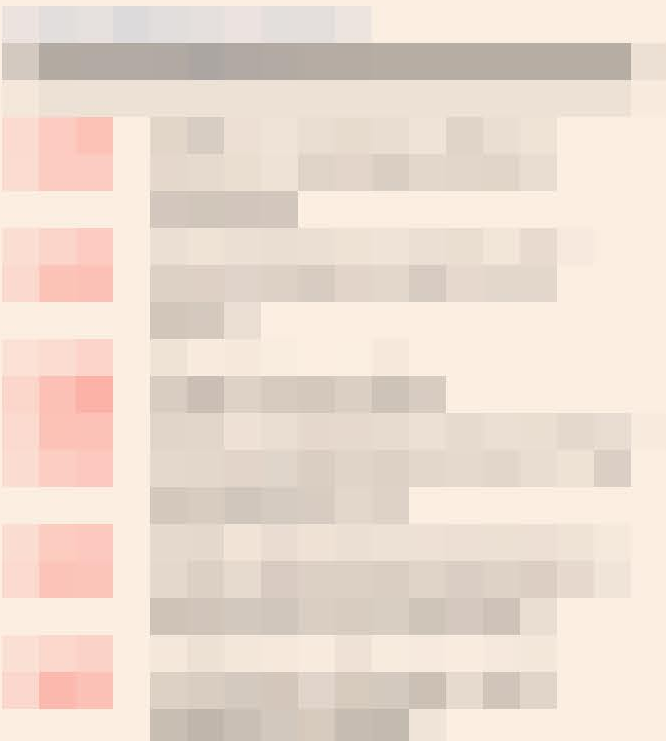
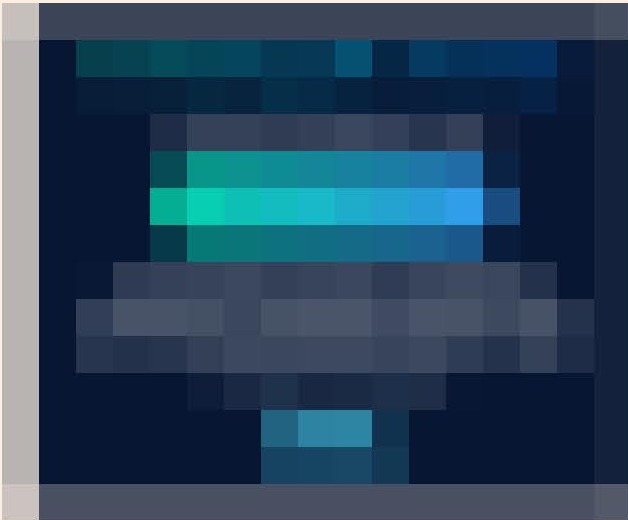
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Prolonged detention

The company has been thriving for years, but Jarosław P. and other managers associated with it have been arrested. The case concerns allegations of corruption.

- Arrest against Jarosław P. is in force until February 19, 2020. An application has been submitted for the extension of this preventive measure for another three





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extension of this preventive measure for another three months. The arrest is also applied to M. Sz. and GN, as well as to SK - a person discharging public functions who were charged with accepting a financial gain - and to the Capital Group - informs prosecutor Agnieszka Wichary, spokesman for the Regional Prosecutor's

Office in Katowice.

The roots of the case date back to November 2019. Then, after a long investigation, officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau (CBA) detained 10 people. Among them was Stanisław Kogut, former Senator of Law and Justice, Marita Sz., Member of the board of Track Tecu and president of the Chamber of Commerce for Land Transport. According to "PB", Jarosław P. was also among the detainees at that time. This group also included entrepreneurs from the development industry, the owner of a private television station and a private university in Katowice and its lecturer. Grzegorz, son of Stanisław Kogut, was also arrested. Investigators have established that in return for direct material benefits or donations transferred to the foundation, detainees arranged - through the former senator - interests in state and local government companies and institutions, they acquired contracts, etc. The value of property benefits was then set at PLN 1.9 million. So far, more than 20 people have heard the allegations. However, no details were disclosed regarding the allegations against the Track Tecu authorities.

Key Supplier

Track Tec did not answer the question of "PB", how the arrest of key managers affects the company. However, contractors do not hide their anxiety.

- For now, cooperation with Track Tec is going well. We are talking about verification of contracts, because existing orders for sleepers have proved too high in relation to our demand. Managers who are at large are doing well. However, we are afraid that if the detention is prolonged, it may negatively affect the company





are afraid that if the detention is prolonged, it may negatively affect the company and the supply of sleepers. Jarosław P. independently managed the company. It will not be easy for other board members to act without it, and it is not possible to manage such a large entity as Track Tec from custody - says the president of one of the companies modernizing railway lines.

Our information shows that Jarosław P.'s wife - Katarzyna is getting more and more involved in group management. Representatives of companies buying products from Track Tec emphasize that quick decisions should be made about its managers, because the stable functioning of the company is important for the timely implementation of the railway investment program. They say that they work well with Trac Tecu competitors, but demand cannot be met without the largest supplier. In addition, sleepers are provided by Strunbet-Bogumiłowice and Mirosław Ujski - Consolis. Recently, Plastwil has been developing activity in this market.

Top management in custody

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