

*Information for the mass media*

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*About the attempts to put out unfair information about  
JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava“*

We address to you due to the fact that through the mass media aimed unfair information and statements are being distributed in the community, which cast fundamentally slur of JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava“ and trying to show to State Institutions of the Republic of Latvia, to mass media and to people the distorted interpretation of the events at JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava“.

As far as JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava“ is the company, which is fulfilling the orders for the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia and for NATO, which has already built 5 vessels for Military Navy of the Republic of Latvia, the current events are creating confirmed suspicions that such activities are being done to weaken the possibilities of state defence.

The true is that from December of the year 2013 such unfair information is delivered to the mass media from Toms Briedis, who is the employee of public relations agency „Mediju tilts“ and who acts on the behalf of I. Komarov, the former member of the board of JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava“ and who is well connected with the active members of the council S. Golicins and A. Ustinovs and some other former employees.

We want to inform that I. Komarovs has lost his position of member of the board of JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava“ and that several employees was renditioned from their performance of responsibilities because of the suspect in illegal activities.

The Office of Economic Crimes control of the State Police in connection with possible illegal activity of the employees confirming the payments to subcontractors for unexecuted works on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March of this year has accepted a decision to excite criminal procedure after belonging to the group of a criminal misconduct object in accordance with the department XVIII of Criminal Law.

Now the independent audit is beeing performed at the plant and before its complete finish JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava“ has decided to restrain the publicise general results. In fact a sufficiently spacious factual material is now obtained already, let do conclusions that the member of the board I. Komarovs has executed his duties careless.

For example, one of the subcontractors has given accounts for actually unexecuted works, in fact all documents are designed and even from JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava” payment is got for the unexecuted works. Alike faults are open also in a collaboration with another subcontractors.

Taking into account, that directly I. Komarovs was responsible for a collaboration with the subcontractors, JSC „Riga Shipyard” is pressed to check all transactions in order to identify all trick out of the illegal money cases from JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava”. JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava” already has become in legal institutions in order to protect in a law certain order its material interests and become against the guilty persons.

Strengthen of proofs JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava” is pressed to attract an independent audit in order fully estimate office work documents and compare them with the actually executed subcontractors works.

In audit there are few ten of enterprises selected to check and for those enterprises, for that there are reasonable suspicions all given accounts are not paid.

In fact JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava” after audit finish will settle accounts with all the subcontractors, which have given all services in real but bills for the ungiven services will be contested, using the possibilities envisaged in a law.

Certainly, that such JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava” act has caused counteraction of a few enterprises, besides the opposite half choosing not consistently go in the legal road but to create agiotage and with that help is obviously has tried to do pressure on new management of the enterprise in order to finish the audit and its results to remain without the consequences.

The statements to the mass media has delivered the same T. Briedis, who distributed groundless statements beforehand about that I. Komarovs is illegally losing his position but the Ustinovs was not elected to the position of the chairman of the council.

We wish also to accent that an enterprise continues the statements of the persons mentioned vice versa to work stable, this year during only new ships are already floated out. New agreements are signed both for new ship building and for repair. The Enterprise employees without delays get a salary and all the taxes are paid. It is asserted also by the letter of employees, which is attached to this document.

Please take this information into account. In turn, when in the future the mass media will get claims from some alike subcontractor, we please you carefully and objective to estimate their plausibility, public importance and consequences and what could create the uncritical reproduction of such statements for that enterprise, its employees and state. JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava” is also ready to apply to a court in the case, when infame is spoken about the enterprise.

The Board of JSC „Rīgas kuģu būvētava”