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ON THE FURNISHING OF INFORMATION

We hereby provide to you summarized information of the State Security Department (hereinafter referred to as – SSD) about the unlawful efforts of the representatives of the “MG Baltic” corporate group to influence the state institutions, politicians and political processes, make impact on law enforcement or other controlling institutions, and about the engagement of mass media to implement the business interests. In the 2006-2017 period, the information received during the SSD investigations was transferred to the Special Investigations Service on a constant basis. The materials of this certificate do not contain the pre-trial investigation data. If needed, the SSD is ready to provide the National Security and Defence Committee of the Seimas with additional information.

According to the SSD, corporate group MG, whose exclusive position, as compared with the other interest (business) groups now operating in Lithuania, is proven by the following signs and activity aspects: *first*, the amount of property it manages; *second*, wide range of business interests; *third*, control over influential mass media; *fourth*, close contacts with the political system and efforts to make use of political decisions for the development of own business, - stands out from the other interest (business) groups now operating in Lithuania.

According to the SSD data, MG managers, in order to ensure financial gain and personal influence, in 2002, drafted long-term activity development concept (hereinafter referred to as – STRATEGY), which hitherto has been consistently and purposefully implemented.

The following goals were set in the STRATEGY of the corporate group:

To decrease the adverse effect of regulatory and administrative authorities, courts and other institutions (influence on legal acts and decreasing of the applied sanctions);

To create and maintain relations with regulatory and administrative authorities, receive information from important authorities (Seimas, Government);

Lobbying with its results evaluated according to the number of structures tending to be affected.

According to the SSD data, STRATEGY is implemented in all sectors which fall within the range of interests of MG.

The beginning of the corporate group’s activity – year 1992. Nowadays, MG focuses its activities in the following sectors:

Construction (including projects in strategically important economy sectors);

Management and development of immovable property;

IT and telecommunications;

Fast-moving consumer goods’ production and distribution;

Retail trade;

Mass media.

According to the SSD, we can classify the long-term systemic implementation of the STRATEGY, considering the scale of activity of the MG representatives, as a destructive activity capable of destabilizing the state structure and the democratic political system, for which reason it poses threat to the national security. According to the data of the SSD, for the STRATEGY implementation purposes, politicians, public sector workers and state officials are attracted by multiple unlawful ways – by collecting confidential or compromising information, bribing, blackmailing, handling information, - are made use of. In many cases, MG relied on the mass media which are managed by it (or associated companies) and through which the “pressure” is exerted or services of presentation to the public, including political advertising, are offered. Those persons were chosen as target who are able to help or militate against the MG business interests, i.e. mostly state authorities’ and political parties’ representatives.

According to the data of the SSD, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania as well as the following Ministries (and state enterprises subordinate to them) and other state authorities fell within the range of interests of MG:

MINISTRIES	AUTHORITIES
Ministry of Environment	State tax inspectorate
Ministry of Finance	Public Procurement Office
Ministry of Culture	Competition Council
Ministry of Healthcare	Radio and Television Commission of Lithuania
Ministry of Transport and Communications (“Lithuanian railways”, Lithuanian Road Administration)	
Ministry of Education and Science	
Ministry of Justice	
Ministry of Economy	
Ministry of Interior	
Ministry of Agriculture	

The use of the whole arsenal of the means of influence was aimed at receiving legal acts favourable to the corporate group (amendments to the Law on Alcohol Control, Law of the Republic of Lithuania on National Radio and Television, Law on the Provision of Information to the Public, other legal acts) and orders in relation to the state-implemented projects (in many cases these were construction works and services of projects’ presentation to the public).

Please find below the SSD information about the specific actions of the representatives of MG aimed at unlawfully affecting not only individual politicians but also **political processes** and making impact on the law-enforcement authorities and other controlling institutions. The information covers the 2005-2018 period and is to be assessed as characteristic examples which show the goals and *modus operandi* of the corporate group’s managers.

In less than ten years after the foundation in 2006 of a party under full control of MG managers – Liberal Movement of Lithuania, - the corporate group has become the most affluent business (influence) group in Lithuania: other business groups have not created any similar contacts with policymakers, had no direct control over the influential mass media; the activity of the majority

of them was not so aggressive.

Modus operandi of the MG representatives was applied not only to the competitors but also to the politicians, public sector workers and state officials who were inconvenient for the corporate group. According to the SSD, actions of the MG representatives were purposefully oriented to strengthen the corporate group's managers' influence at the institutional level.

In order to implement the unlawful interests, MG managers had recourse to intermediaries, which maintained contacts with the politicians and officials, corporate group's business partners and competitors, received and transferred information useful for MG.

MG activity is dangerous in relation to the especially close relationship with the representatives of all state authorities and to the efforts to influence their decision-making. These relations are based on fear and/or mutual benefit.

Corporate group MG, which managers have always thought the public procurements to be the most profitable activity, invested into policy and mass media.

Activity of this business group poses threat to the state structure as: (1) political decisions are being adopted by an unaccountable group of persons; (2) political influence and expertise became something you can buy; (3) mass media has also become only business – it misrepresents information and does not ensure transparency. Possible effect of such activity – façade democracy with the rule of money and informal networks of influence.

I. ACTIONS AIMED AT INFLUENCING POLITICAL DECISIONS: “RESTRUCTURING” THE PARTIES

1.1. Liberal and Centre Union of Lithuania (LCU) splitting and Liberal Movement of Lithuania (LML) foundation (2005-2006). LML control (2006-2018)

Main acting MG representatives: Darius Juozapas MOCKUS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Romanas RAULYNAITIS, Tomas DAPKUS (since 2008).

Main participants of the process: Jonas TAMULIS, Gintaras STEPONAVIČIUS, Eligijus MASIULIS, Petras AUŠTREVĪČIUS, Šarūnas GUSTAINIS, Vitalijus GAILIUS and others.

Main targets: Artūras ZUOKAS, Remigijus ŠIMAŠIUS, Eugenijus GENTVILAS, Aušrinė ARMONAITĖ

Around 2005, as a result of increasing of the MG managers' interestedness in increasing the influence in the Vilnius City Municipality whereby they could develop the activity of the corporate group's enterprises in the sector of construction and immovable property, MG president D. J. MOCKUS became interested in eliminating his main rival – the then mayor of Vilnius A. ZUOKAS as well as the business structure associated with him (corporate group “Rubikon”), which used to receive the largest orders in relation to the projects implemented in Vilnius. In view of this, a political “scenario” was chosen – to split the Liberal and Centre Union of Lithuania actually managed by A. ZUOKAS by establishing a party under actual control of MG. In 2006, at the direction of D. J. MOCKUS and R. KURLIANSKIS, Liberal and Centre Union of Lithuania was founded. Then vice-president of the corporate group R. KURLIANSKIS, who intensively communicated with LCU member J. TAMULIS, who provided inside information about the processes in the party (D. J. MOCKUS was being informed about them as well), took active part in the foundation process. During the meetings, J. TAMULIS used to receive directions from R. KURLIANSKIS on how the politicians who are opponents to A. ZUOKAS should act. There was intensive communication with the other members of the party as well – G. STEPONAVIČIUS, P. AUŠTREVĪČIUS and E. MASIULIS. The latter was “chosen” to become the head of the newly founded party as the other candidate, P. AUŠTREVĪČIUS, was named as unsuitable (R.

KURLIANSKIS said: *“I persuaded E. Masiulis to become the leader of the opposition to A. Zuokas”*.

After the foundation of the party, MG representatives coordinated LML candidates for the positions in the Seimas and in the Government.

In November 2008, G. STEPONAVIČIUS asked about R. KURLIANSKIS’s opinion on the candidates for the ministers Regimantas ČIUPAILA and Raimondas ŠUKYS: *“I am the elder of the faction, while Čiupaila and Šukys are the ministers. How do you like that?”*, to which R. KURLIANSKIS replied: *“This sounds way better”*

After the successfully implementing the “project” to found a party under effective control of the corporate group, MG managers adopted a decision to strengthen it in order to create a “third power” which would be equal to the Social Democratic Party of Lithuania (LSDP) and the Homeland Union – Lithuania Christian Democrats (HU-LCD). In 2009, the plan aimed at integrating LML with LCU started to be implemented. With this end in view, there were efforts to prejudice the LCU members (by spreading false information), eliminate some of them and cause conflict between the former LCU head A. Zuokas and the new party’s chairperson Gintautas BABRAVIČIUS (*“perhaps you should tell him that the ex-chairman did a good job in throwing mud at him on the occasion of his re-appointment”, “this is the same as adding fuel to the fire”*). The MG representatives’ plan on how to unite the parties was not implemented as the necessary influence on the LCU members could not be achieved.

The exclusive role of the corporate group’s managers in the foundation of the given party is confirmed by the correspondence between R. KURLIANSKIS and T. DAPKUS:

T. DAPKUS’s message to R. KURLIANSKIS: “Tomorrow, it will be 10 years of your political project – Liberals Movement. I remember the split from the Subscriber and how everybody thought that it, perhaps, won’t last. But you did it and you are going to assume power as early as this year. Foresightedly”. R. KURLIANSKIS: “Thank you. Congratulate Eligijus”

According to the SSD data, MG still has a great influence. On 12 May 2016, after the Special Investigation Service apprehended E. MASIULIS, MG managers partially lost the control over LML, wherefore they were forced to take steps, i.e. choose other person favourable to them to substitute E. MASIULIS. V. GAILIUS was chosen, whom, according to the SSD data, R. KURLIANSKIS and T. DAPKUS have maintained contacts with since 2011. Since 2013, the communication has become close – V. GAILIUS used to receive informational support and the personal ties between MG representatives and him forged. It should be noted that, after apprehending E. MASIULIS, the contacts between V. GAILIUS and R. KURLIANSKIS discontinued (probably, due to the reputation risks); however, active contacts between V. GAILIUS and T. DAPKUS began. In June 2016, T. DAPKUS (probably, being assisted by R. KURLIANSKIS) began creating the political strategy for V. GAILIUS, look for compromising information against his rivals in the party, shape the opinion that V. GAILIUS has nothing to do with the LML scandal; he became one of the main heroes of T. DAPKUS TV programmes, i.e. increasing V. GAILIUS visibility and popularity. Furthermore, R. DAPKUS used to provide V. GAILIUS with information about A. ARMONAITĖ, who was a potential candidate to become the new chairperson of the LML, as well as about other members of the party, instigated R. AUŠTREVĪČIUS to pass a non-confidence motion against R. ŠIMAŠIUS (*“it looks like it is time for little Remigijus to leave”*). T. DAPKUS sought to shape a negative opinion of journalists about all the rivals of V. GAILIUS – A. ARMONAITĖ, E. GENTVILAS, R. ŠIMAŠIUS.

According to the SSD evaluation, MG managers drafted their long-term political project – LML headed by E. MASIULIS which is fully controlled by the corporate group. The main project creator was R. KURLIANSKIS, who had an active assistant (intermediary) T. DAPKUS. After the emergence of the LML crisis, the corporate group’s managers seek to maintain the influence in the party: the tested practices are being further applied – to push the party’s leader which they, themselves, have chosen.

1.2. Efforts to influence LSDP (2005-2006). Impact on and support to Algirdas PALECKIS (2006-2009). Active participation in the LSDP splitting process (2017-2018).

Main acting MG representatives: Darius Juozapas MOCKUS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Romanas RAULYNAITIS, Tomas DAPKUS (since 2017).

Main participants in the process: Gediminas KIRKILAS, Algirdas BUTKEVIČIUS, Algirdas PALECKIS, Leonidas MINKEVIČIUS, Gintautas PALUCKAS, Mindaugas SINKEVIČIUS, Rasa BUDBERGYTĖ and others

Main targets: Algirdas Mykolas BRAZAUSKAS, Algirdas BUTKEVIČIUS, Gediminas KIRKILAS, Gintautas PALUCKAS

In 2005, during the parliamentary investigation into the activity of A. ZUOKAS, the then mayor of Vilnius, MG managers pro-actively and by all means sought to receive the investigation outcome which would be favourable to them – A. ZUOKAS dismissal. D. J. MOCKUS “pushed” the then minister of national defence G. KIRKILAS, whom close contacts were being maintained with, so that the latter convince the members of the LSDP faction to uphold the conclusions of the commission of the Seimas regarding the interpellation in respect of A. ZUOKAS. As the faction did not express its position on A. ZUOKAS, G. KIRKILAS was threatened to (D. J. MOCKUS SMS TO G. KIRKILAS: “*now you’ll get it*”) and a negative report about A. M. BRAZAUSKAS was shown during the news program of LNK showed on 11 December 2005.

The MG managers’ efforts to exert pressure on LSDP are proven by correspondence between D. J. MOCKUS, R. KURLIANSKIS and G. KIRKILAS of 11 May 2006:

D. J. MOCKUS message to G. KIRKILAS: *Moral social democrats? You include criminals into the official delegation*”

G. KIRKILAS message to D. J. MOCKUS: “*Who’s that?*”

D. J. MOCKUS message to G. KIRKILAS: “*The front-runner you support. Business partner of Kristė and the chief*”.

D. J. MOCKUS message to G. KIRKILAS: *Suopis. It is not hard to remember if you don’t pretend.*

G. KIRKILAS message to D. J. MOCKUS: “*I have not been dismissed by your friends as yet. I am in Prague. I will come back tomorrow. The day after tomorrow, I am going fishing. Come.*”

D. J. MOCKUS message to G. KIRKILAS: “*If the friendship roots are revealed, you will accuse the media again*”

G. KIRKILAS message to D. J. MOCKUS: “*We never do that but if there is fear to provide information, that’s another problem.*”

R. KURLIANSKIS message to D. J. MOCKUS: “*What did the field marshal say?*”

D. J. MOCKUS message to R. KURLIANSKIS: “*Says bullshit. Maybe we should meet the chief with a camera? Ask why not take the Agurkas [gang] member. Maybe he is way too moral?*”

Before the municipal elections of 2007, a plan of how to solidify the MG positions and influence in the Vilnius City Municipality was elaborated. With this end in view, the candidate to the future mayor's position was chosen – the then member of the LSDP faction in the Seimas A. PALECKIS. According to the SSD data, constant relations between the MG representative R. KURLIANSKIS and A. PALECKIS were formed in the end of 2006. The meetings were arranged on a constant basis; furthermore, means of secrecy were used.

R. KURLIANSKIS message to A. PALECKIS *“However, I must remind (and I wrote about it yesterday as well) that, in order to avoid misunderstandings, it would be great to **keep all our agreements only between you and me**”*

Allegedly, R. KURLIANSKIS and A. PALECKIS agreed that R. KURLIANSKIS, using his contacts, would assist in collecting compromising information about A. ZUOKAS and other candidates running for the position of the mayor of the Vilnius city municipality. The agreement between R. KURLIANSKIS and A. PALECKIS was known to the public communications specialist L. MINKEVIČIUS (who afterwards became the chairman deputy of political party “Front Party“), who was hired by the corporate group to consult A. PALECKIS. L. MINKEVIČIUS coordinated with R. KURLIANSKIS future A. PALECKIS public utterances as well as other materials related to the municipal elections. According to the SSD, MG used to settle accounts with L. MINKEVIČIUS through UAB “Informacijos vadybos agentūra”.

After A. PALECKIS assumed office of vice-mayor of Vilnius, R. KURLIANSKIS further maintained communication with him, although he was unsatisfied with the fact that A. PALECKIS positions in the Vilnius city municipality were not as they expected – MG managers planned that A. PALECKIS, whom they supported, would take the main positions.

R. KURLIANSKIS message to A. PALECKIS: *“take the place of Zuokas. Take positions in the administration. Vice-mayor, director of administration, urban economy”*.

After A. PALECKIS refused the position of a vice-mayor in charge of the urban economy and development, R. KURLIANSKIS became angry: *“Kirkilas said to Delfi that you refused an appointment for the important vice status in charge of urban economy and development!!!? Are you kidding me.”*

In 2008, after A. PALECKIS laid down duties of vice-mayor of Vilnius, his contact with MG representatives became episodic; however, his then associate and advisor L. MINKEVIČIUS used to inform R. KURLIANSKIS about the inside decisions of the political party on a regular basis. According to the data of the SSD, before the rally of 16 January 2009 in Vilnius, R. KURLIANSKIS had met with L. MINKEVIČIUS. R. KURLIANSKIS had been aware of the Front Party plans to continue the destructive actions.

L. MINKEVIČIUS message of 19 January 2009 to R. KURLIANSKIS: *“Hello, dear Mr.! At the night session of the presidium we decided to found resistance committees. After that, the splitting began... 1 - suspended, 5 - voted “against”. Surprisingly for all the parties, I encouraged radicalism. Pacukas, amazed, rushed to become friends with me. Audriukas B. was appointed as the temporary chief of the headquarters... Sounds good!”*

R. KURLIAUSKIS: *“Good luck”*

L. MINKEVIČIUS: *Thanks a lot. The one who suspended is a professor of law, expert in the constitutional law. He wished everybody to come to senses and succeed in not being handcuffed... He was truly inspiring.”*

In spring of 2017, MG pro-actively “participated” in the elections to the position of the LSDP chairman. T. DAPKUS directly participated in this process and R. KURLIAUSKIS supervised him. After A. BUTKEVIČIUS decided not to participate in the elections, the corporate group’s representatives sought that the chairman favourable to them be elected and obviously supported M. SINKEVIČIUS, whom, just like with his father Rimantas SINKEVIČIUS, they maintained close relations with (since 2014). T. DAPKUS was personally looking for compromising information about the rival of M. SINKEVIČIUS – G. PALUCKAS.

After G. PALUCKAS was elected as the LSDP chairman, T. DAPKUS was pro-actively acting in other parties, seeking that the latter ignore him, and was looking for the ways to harm him whatsoever (“*how to rip Paluckas a new asshole*”). In November 2017, T. DAPKUS directed A. BUTKEVIČIUS: “*I have not forgotten about that question; my colleagues are in Italy collecting information for me, meaning that we’ll have objective information*”.

In summer 2017, T. DAPKUS agitated members of the Seimas R. BUDBERGYTĖ to stop supporting Paluckas, not to support the LSDP wish to become an opposition party, and, after the A. PALUCKAS dismissal, to become the party’s chairperson herself. As R. BUDBERGYTĖ disobeyed, T. DAPKUS initiated publications about R. BUDBERGYTĖ’s husband Rolandas GAVENAS employment in state enterprise “Turto bankas”. During the said “campaign”, T. DAPKUS argued to her opponents: “*Budbergytė continues rampaging; it appeared to be that Paluckas promised her the second place (after Blinkevičiūtė) in the European Parliament*”, “*Budbergytė needs to be put where she belongs*”, “*Budbergytė has already taken a decision and so did the Ministry of Finance, so next week Galvėnas will definitely go home*”. It should be noted that prior to the middle of 2017, R. KURLIANSKIS and T. DAPKUS had closely communicated with R. BUDBERGYTĖ and supported her: in 2016, she was offered to run, at first, for the position of minister of finance, then – for the position of minister of justice; her positive image was shaped by the efforts of T. DAPKUS.

R. KURLIANSKIS messages to R. BUDBERGUTĖ: “Hi, Rasa. Stop interfering where you shouldn’t and you definitely must give an interview to Tomas. We will invite you after you become a candidate. Raimondas”, “Hi, Rasa. Well, there you are – you will become a minister. Easy. There was nothing to worry about. Good luck.”

R. BUDBERGUTĖ message to R. KURLIANSKIS: “I would like to become a member of Seimas, too”.

R. KURLIANSKIS message to R. BUDBERGUTĖ: Be easy-going about it – there is no other way. You’ll have to become it.”

R. BUDBERGUTĖ message to R. KURLIANSKIS: “I hope so, thank you”.

R. KURLIANSKIS message to R. BUDBERGUTĖ: “You don’t believe me. Ask Roman. Good luck”.

R. KURLIANSKIS message to T. DAPKUS: “Pagojus leaves the office of future Government. Support Rosse asap!”

R. KURLIANSKIS message to T. DAPKUS. ”Will Rosse be running for the Minister of Justice? We would have an insider there.”

T. DAPKUS message to R. KURLIANSKIS: “We need to meet her. I think we planned to.”

1.3.Efforts to influence the National Resurrection Party. Control over the split off faction (2009)

Main acting MG representatives: Raimondas KURLIANSKIS. Tomas DAPKUS

Main participants of the process: members of the faction of the National Resurrection Party, Raimondas ŠUKYS

Main targets: Arūnas VALINSKAS, Irena DEGUTIENĖ

In 2009, MG representatives actively participated in the processes related to the splitting of the National Resurrection Party's (NRP) faction in the Seimas. R. KURLIANSKIS, after becoming aware of the faction's splitting off, asked E. MASIULIS if the split off members of the National Resurrection Party were well-minded towards the LML (*"are the split off NRP 'resurrectors' well-minded towards you?"*). R. KURLIANSKIS asked E. MASIULIS: *"Is there any use in helping them? And what additional conditions should be raised?"*. E. MASIULIS answered: *"According to the possibilities. The intention is that, after the toppling of Valinskas, firmer oaks would find shelter with us"*.

During the said period, R. KURLIANSKIS, when communicating with T. DAPKUS, collected information and allegedly coordinated T. DAPKUS actions related to the vacation of the seat of the then chairman of the Seimas A. VALINSKAS. As R. KURLIANSKIS showed interest in the possible candidates for the position of the chairperson of the Seimas, T. DAPKUS informed that the candidacy of member of Seimas R. ŠUKYS would be suitable. The information proving the suitability of the R. ŠUKYS candidacy was transferred by R. KURLIANSKIS to the MG board's member R. RAULYNAITIS, who then transferred the proposal to run for the position of the chairperson of the Seimas to R. ŠUKYS. When the latter asked whether they, i.e. corporate group, would support him, R. RAULYNAITIS replied: *"we are already helping and not only in thinking"*. After announcing that one of the candidates to run for the position of the chairperson of the Seimas is I. DEGUTIENĖ, R. KURLIANSKIS asked T. DAPKUS to remind (as argument against this candidature) that I. DEGUTIENĖ was strongly pushing for the foundation of "LEO LT". On 15 September 2009, R. KURLIANSKIS asked T. DAPKUS whether his advice to remind about I. DEGUTIENĖ backing "LEO LT" had helped to guarantee the unsuitability of this candidacy. T. DAPKUS replied that the advice had worked but added that I. DEGUTIENĖ was one of those who had signed the contract of sale of "Mažeikių nafta" to "Williams" and supported "public officials". R. KURLIANSKIS offered to write a comment about that. During the given period, LNK was producing reports (mostly in "Paskutinė instancija" ("Last instance"), which were aimed at influencing and attracting the members of the NRP faction to the LML side.

Despite of the intensive actions aimed at enhancing the LML faction in the Seimas by incorporating the "split off" NRP faction's members, these efforts were not successful – in 2010, the said members of the Seimas joined the LCU faction.

According to the SSD, actions of the representatives of the corporate group in respect of the parties – their splitting through handling information, "bribing" and blackmailing the parties' members, using other unlawful means - show the efforts of this business group to make unlawful impact on the political system of the country, wherefore, they must be assessed as posing threat to the national security.

2. INFLUENCE IN STATE AUTHORITIES

2.1. Ministry of Transport and Communications

Main interests: projects in the sectors subordinate to the ministry ("Lithuanian railways", Lithuanian road administration), public advertising services

Main acting MG representatives: Darius Juozapas MOCKUS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS.

Main participants of the processes: Eligijus MASIULIS, Rimantas SINKEVIČIUS, Stasys DAILYDKA, Nerijus EIDUKEVIČIUS, Stanislavas NAIMOVIČIUS, Darius JARMANTAVIČIUS, Saulius GIRDAUSKAS, Saulius GALADAUSKAS, Daivis ZABULIONIS

In December 2008, after E. MASIULIS was appointed as the minister of transport and communications, MG representatives started creating a scheme of how to win the construction works tenders organized by enterprises and institutions subordinate to the Ministry of Transport and Communications, which would ensure long-term profitable activity of corporate group's enterprise "Mitnija"; MG representatives were mostly interested in high-cost works' procurement tenders organized by "Lithuanian railways" (hereinafter referred to as – LRW). In order to receive favourable decisions, MG representatives created the following scheme: through media and E. MASIULIS, exerted inappropriate influence on the LRW management in respect of poor activity of the company, whereafter, through intermediary of S. NAIMOVIČIUS (former LRW employee), arranged direct meetings with the then LRW manager Statys DAILYDKA during which details of participation in the tenders were being discussed. According to the SSD, the main coordinator of these non-transparent agreements was R. KURLIANSKIS.

The main partner of "Mitnija" in respect of LRW tenders was "Kauno tiltai" with whose manager N. EIDUKEVIČIUS MG representatives maintain close contacts on a constant basis. **Both these companies in a concerted effort with other partners in 2009-2013 won construction works procurement tenders organized by LRW for the total amount (including VAT) exceeding 1 billion litas (see the table). It should be noted that the course of unofficial agreements between LRW and MG was controlled by D. J. MOCKUS himself.**

DATE	TENDER	WINNER	VALUE WITH VAT (in millions of litas)
29 October 2009	I stage of Klaipeda railway junction development. Reconstruction of Draugystė station tracks	UAB "Hidrostatyba", UAB "Gelmanis", UAB "Šiaulių ranga", AB "Kauno tiltai" and UAB "Mitnija"	129,426
02 December 2011	Construction of the second road of Vilnius roundabout way of IX B corridor	AB "Kauno tiltai", "Tracija-Tiltra S.A.", AB "Panevėžio keliai", UAB "Mitnija", "Belam Riga"	258,779
31 October 2012	Construction of the second road in section Pavenčiai-Raudėnai	AB "Kauno tiltai" and UAB "Mitnija"	104,906
31 October 2012	Construction of the second road in section Telšiai - Dūseikiai	AB "Kauno tiltai" and UAB "Mitnija"	103,817
31 October 2012	Construction of the second road in section Kulupėnai - Kretinga	AB "Kauno tiltai" and UAB "Mitnija"	120,878
11 June 2013	Reconstruction of Rail Baltica railways section Marijampolė-Šeštokai. Reconstruction of	AB "Kauno tiltai" and UAB "Mitnija"	262,323

	railroad haul Šeštokai-Marijampolė	
11 June 2013	Reconstruction of rail Baltica railway section Marijampolė-Šeštokai. Reconstruction of Marijampolė railway station	AB “Kauno tiltai“ 90,748 and UAB “Mitnija“
21 June 2013	Reconstruction of rail Baltica railway section Marijampolė-Šeštokai. Installation of a viaduct on Gedimino st.	AB “Kauno tiltai“ 8,347 and UAB “Mitnija“
21 June 2013	Reconstruction of rail Baltica railway section Marijampolė-Šeštokai. Installation of a viaduct on Aušros st.	AB “Kauno tiltai“ 7,259 and UAB “Mitnija“

According to the data of the SSD, S. NAIMOVIČIUS was chosen as the main intermediary as early as in January 2009, on the recommendation of E. MASIULIS. Starting from February 2009, there were constant contacts between S. NAIMOVIČIUS and R. KURLIANSKIS during which, most typically, meetings with S. DAILYDKA were organized and information about LRW tenders was handed over; meetings of LRW and MG representatives were held almost every month, sometimes several times in a month.

Although the mass media and minister E. MASIULIS criticized S. DAILYDKA and the work of his team, E. MASIULIS said, off the record, he had no claims to the LRW manager. After the negative articles and comments, meetings between LRW and MG representatives were organized. On 23 February 2009, S. NAIMOVIČIUS addressed R. KURLIANSKIS, informing him that LRW was being attacked from all sides and that he wished to meet. On 14 September 2009, after “Vilniaus diena“ daily published article “The Minister is too weak against S. Dailydka”, R. KURLIANSKIS informed that for S. DAILYDKA there was no need to worry as “*E. Masiulis said that S. Dailydka works well*“. For decreasing the publication of the negative information, LRW management, on 25 January 2010, signed 810 thousand litas worth contract on advertising and information services. This contract was made by way of simplified negotiations without publication procedure.

Nearer to the end of the transport and communications minister’s, E. MASIULIS, term, “Kauno tiltai“ and “Mitnija“ signed three construction works contracts with LRW for the total value almost 330 million litas.

During the period when the Ministry of Transport and Communications was headed by R. SINKEVIČIUS, companies “Mitnija“ and “Kauno tiltai“ won LRW tenders only in 2013 but; however, the large volume thereof allowed these companies to ensure activity income up to the year 2016.

Over the given period, the scheme of ensuring non-transparent agreements between MG and LRW has not changed; however, during its implementation, the Ministry of Transport and Communications had less influence as R. SINKEVIČIUS and the then ministry’s chancellor Tomas KARPAVIČIUS (Tomas KARPAVIČIUS especially) had conflicts with S. DAILYDKA. R. KURLIANSKIS remained the main intermediary (“coordinator of deals”). Former prime-minister’s adviser D. JARMANTAVIČIUS (son-in-law of S. DAILYDKA’s deputy Stasys

GUDVALIS), former minister of transport and communications S. GIRDAUSKAS (who headed the LRW board) and UAB “SG Consulting Baltic & BY” shareholder S. GALADAUSKAS were the persons who assisted in dealing with disputes (performed the role of an intermediary) of the “Mitnija“ and “Kauno tiltai“ companies with LG in relation to the non-smooth progress of construction works and hiring of sub-contractors.

In 2016, after “Mitnija“ and its partner “Kauno tiltai“ finished high-cost LRW infrastructure construction works, MG representatives began taking interest in the road construction tenders implemented by the Lithuanian Road Administration under the Ministry of Transport and Communications (hereinafter referred to as – LRA). MG and “Kauno keliai“ representatives were especially interested in the Vilnius-Utena road reconstruction project wherein investments into the road infrastructure alone may reach more than 90 million euros. On the initiative of MG, on 8 March 2016, D. ZABULIONIS, who had to ensure the successful participation of “Mitnija“ and “Kauno tiltai“ in the given project, was appointed to the position of LRA deputy chief. The role of the main intermediary, just as in the LRW tenders, had to be performed by R. KURLIANSKIS, who is a close friend of D. ZABULIONIS (their families are friends with each other). In the past, D. ZABULIONIS used to be a State Tax Inspectorate’s (hereinafter referred to as - STI) deputy chief and a temporary head of the Public Procurement Office.

According to the SSD, the scheme of acting in the transport sector created by MG and LML representatives was especially effective and allowed the corporate group to provide themselves with exclusive business conditions.

2.2. Ministry of Healthcare and Ministry of Education and Science

Main interests: university hospitals construction projects in Vilnius and Kaunas, reform of universities, Science Valley projects (construction and real estate).

Main acting MG representatives: Romanas RAULYNAITIS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Julius GENDVILIS, Zita SARAKIENĖ

Main participants of the processes: heads of the Ministry of Healthcare and of the Ministry of Education and Science, Albertas ŽALYS, Juozas PUNDZIUS, Kaunas University of Technology and University of Health Sciences and others.

The Healthcare Ministry and the Ministry of Education and Science came to the attention of MG managers because of the two reasons. First, MG managers have been traditionally interested in major orders in the business sector – in this case, major medical institutions (university hospitals’ buildings) and science valleys projects. Second, the corporate group was interested in the reform of the country’s universities – due to the possibility to purchase buildings which belong to universities, i.e. valuable immovable property objects.

In March 2009, the Property Bank organized public procurement tenders on construction works of obstetrics and surgery campus building of Santariškės clinics of the Vilnius University Hospital and on technical supervision services thereof, where, specifically, MG company “Mitnija” participated. After opening of envelopes with bids, “Mitnija” appeared to be one of the companies which had offered low prices. According to the SSD, after opening of envelopes, R. KURLIANSKIS was informed that the said documents were supervised by the Property Bank and the Ministry of Finance, wherefore the managers of Santariškiai clinics had no influence on the decision-making. According to R. KURLIANSKIS, *“they passed the first stage of the tender on their own and, should their offer be accepted and approved, there will be connection points in the future”*. According to the SSD, after finding “connection points”, MG support questions started to be resolved in the Ministry of Healthcare and Property Bank.

After the Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved programs of establishing of five integrated science, business and study centres, one of them – “Santaka” project (value – approx. 242 million litas) - is funded with the EU and budgetary money. It was decided to establish

modern technologies laboratories of the “Santaka” valley in the buildings of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Kaunas University of Medicine. The corporate group’s company won the tender for the construction of the building in the Faculty of Pharmacy with a laboratory and an educational drug-store, for which reason the MG managers, using their influence on the then minister of education and science G. STEPONAVIČIUS, sought for this project to be corrected and the funds to be allocated as soon as possible. The influence was being exerted not only through G. STEPONAVIČIUS but also directly through the director of Science and Technologies Department under the Ministry of Education and Science A. ŽALYS (in the recent times, a person he communicated the most was T. DAPKUS, who directly received information about the processes in the ministry). Also, meetings with the representatives of the Ministry of Healthcare were organized. R. KURLIANSKIS, aiming to ensure the participation of “Mitnija” in the project, maintained contacts with the then rectors of the Kaunas University of Medicine and the Kaunas University of Technology, the then Kaunas University of Medicine clinics’ general director J. PUNDŽIUS. In order to receive favourable decisions, R. KURLIANSKIS and R. RAULYNAITIS used to resolve the problems which the university principals faced in the Ministry of Education and Science as well as in the Ministry of Healthcare.

In 2009, R. RAULYNAITIS organized J. PUNDŽIUS meetings with the healthcare ministers – Algis ČAPLIKAS and Raimondas ŠUKYS, who subsequently substituted him. After the LNK news service drafted a report on the poor funding of the healthcare sector, R. RAULYNAITIS warned Raimondas KURLIANSKIS (“*Minister - lnk, for some reason, prepares a report on the disastrous situation as regards funding of health sector*”), and the latter warned LNK head Z. SARAKIENĖ: “*Hi. Our people in media make a report on the tragic situation with funding of the health sector. They’d better not demonise friend Čapl. “*”. After J. PUNDŽIUS complained that the representatives of the Ministry of Healthcare ask inconvenient questions, R. RAULYNAITIS said he would use the “*old interrogation method – face-to-face confrontation*” during the meeting with R. ŠUKYS.“

According to the SSD, MG representatives, in order to receive high-cost orders in relation to projects supervised by the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Healthcare (modern technologies valleys‘, medical institutions‘ construction), exerted influence on the heads of these ministries delegated by LML.

DATE	TENDER	WINNER	VALUE WITH VAT (in millions of euros)
14 April 2009	Design and construction works of economy and infrastructure structures of the clinics of the Kaunas Medical University	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Veikmė“	5.492
07 May 2009	Procurement of construction works of obstetrics and surgery campus building of Santariškės clinics of public institution “Vilnius University Hospital“ (VšĮ Vilniaus universitetinė ligoninė) and work project services	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Veikmė“	14.410

02 December 2009	Procurement of construction works of the latest pharmacy and health technologies centre, work project drafting services as well as laboratory and other furniture	UAB “Mitnija“	10.294
25 February 2010	Works of partial renovation of M. Romeris University’s building at Donelaičio st. 68/ Maironio st. 27, Kaunas	UAB “LitCon“; UAB “Mitnija“,	0.129
04 October 2010	Procurement of construction works of the latest pharmacy and health technologies centre, work project drafting services as well as laboratory and other furniture	UAB “Mitnija“	2.481
23 May 2011	Procurement of works under project Increasing of Energy Efficiency in public institution Karoliniškės Outpatients’ Clinic (VšĮ Karoliniškių poliklinika)	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “FIAT LUX“	0.865
21 November 2011	Additional works of floating ceiling installation (VšĮ Karoliniškių poliklinika)	UAB “Mitnija“	0.004
24 April 2012	Construction works of the latest pharmacy and health technologies centre of the “Santaka“ valley and drafting of work project: stage I	UAB “Mitnija“	1.165
25 April 2012	Reconstruction works of VšĮ Vilniaus universiteto ligoninė (Vilnius University Hospital) Santariškiai clinics’ hospital admissions unit, except for the premises for toxicology, and outpatient rehabilitation unit	UAB “Mitnija“	0.363 0.091 0.085 0.078 0.075
12 June 2012	Procurement of Klaipeda County Hospital construction works and work project services	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Termomatika“; AB “Kauno tiltai“	5.669
31 July 2012	Construction works of VšĮ “Kauno klinikų trečio (aukščiausio) lygio traumos ir skubios pagalbos centras” and work project drafting services	UAB “Mitnija“	18.075
08 October 2012	Design of laboratory unit of VšĮ “Kauno klinikos“ of the	UAB “Mitnija“	0.090

	Hospital of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (VšĮ) and project supervision services		
05 December 2012	Additional electrical works (VšĮ Karoliniškių poliklinika)	UAB “Mitnija“	0.010
20 December 2012	Construction works of a building of the Latest Pharmacy and Health Technologies Centre of the “Santaka“ valley and work project drafting: stage II	UAB “Mitnija“	5.358
30 January 2013	Procurement of drafting of technical and work projects on capital repair of the central hall of A. Stulginskis University, project supervision, energy efficiency certification, installation of raising awareness stands and capital repair works	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Caverion Lietuva“; UAB “JAS“	2.491
03 May 2013	Potentially infectious medical wastes hazard elimination plant and design and construction works of the central storage facility (VšĮ “Kauno klinikos“ of the Hospital of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences)	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Kaminta“; UAB “Interlux“; AS “BOA“	1.786
23 May 2013	Additional economy and infrastructure structures‘ design and construction works (VšĮ “Kauno klinikos“ of the Hospital of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences)	UAB “Mitnija“	0.692
06 November 2013	Work project drafting and construction works (central hall of the Hospital of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, A. Mickevičiaus st. 7 and 9)	AB “YIT Kausta“; UAB “Kaminta“; UAB “Mitnija“	5.155
04 December 2013	Service of correcting of the technical project on the Laboratory Diagnosis Unit of VšĮ “Kauno klinikos“ of the Hospital of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	UAB “Mitnija“	0.027
18 March 2014	Work project drafting and construction works	AB “YIT Kausta“; UAB “Kaminta“;	1.734

	(Veterinary hospital of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Tilžės st. 18, Kaunas)	UAB “Mitnija	
31 March 2014	Work project drafting and construction works (educational laboratory unit of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Eivenių st. 4, Kaunas)	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Litana ir Ko“; UAB “Irdaiva“; UAB “Dailista“; UAB “Veikmės statyba“; UAB “Kortas“	4.716
04 June 2014	Procurement of work project drafting and construction works (Vivarium of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Tilžės st. 18, Kaunas)	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Irdaiva“; UAB “Kortas“	0.361
10 July 2014	Additional construction works of the Trauma and Emergency Centre of Kaunas Clinics of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	UAB “Mitnija“	0.550
10 October 2014	Procurement of technical and work projects drafting, project supervision and construction works of project “Centre of Animal Husbandry Selections, Breeding Values and Dissemination“ (A. Stulginskis University)	UAB “Struktūra“; A. Žilinskis and ko UAB; UAB “Vilungė“; AB “Kauno dujotiekio statyba“; UAB “KRS“; UAB “Kaminta“; UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Dailista“; UAB “Kortas“	4.518
05 January 2015	Construction works of facade of the educational laboratory unit of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences and work project drafting	UAB “Mitnija“	1.252
26 January 2015	Procurement of additional work project drafting construction works of the central hall of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences and (A. Mickevičiaus st. 7 and 9, Kaunas)	AB “YIT Kausta“; UAB “Mitnija, UAB “Kaminta“	0.044
27 May 2015	Procurement of construction works and work project drafting of the architecture part of the structure of the	UAB “Mitnija“; UAB “Litana ir Ko“; UAB “Irdaiva“; UAB	0.078

	technical project of the educational laboratory unit of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences at Eiverių st. 4, Kaunas	“Dailista“; UAB “Veikmės statyba“; UAB “Kortas“	
09 June 2015	Remedial (modernization) works of scientific (8.11) building 1C2p and new construction of storm water networks (of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences)	UAB “Mitnija“	0.926
29 July 2015	Procurement of additional construction works (central hall of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, A. Mickevičiaus st. 7 and 9)	AB “YIT Kausta“; UAB “Mitnija“ ; UAB “Kaminta“	0.124
10 August 2015	Procurement of work project drafting and architecture (issue B) construction works of the structure of the facade of the building of the educational laboratory unit of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	UAB “Mitnija“	0.273
10 September 2015	Additional construction works and work project drafting of the educational laboratory unit of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences at Eivenių st. 4, Kaunas	UAB “Mitnija“ ; UAB “Litana ir Ko“; UAB “Irdaiva“; UAB “Dailista“; UAB “Veikmės statyba“; UAB “Kortas“	0.035
03 February 2016	Procurement of construction works of the scientific laboratory of the Klaipeda University, Herkaus Manto st. 84, Klaipeda	UAB “Irdaiva“; UAB “Mitnija“ ; UAB “Šiaulių plentas“; UAB “Litana ir Ko“; UAB “KRS“; UAB “Conresta“	10.888
27 June 2016	Procurement of repair works of premises (Department for the Affairs of Disabled under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour)	UAB “Statybų kodas“; UAB “Irdaiva“; UAB “Mitnija“ ; UAB “Ukmergės statyba“	0.268

MG representatives showed particular interest in the drafted science and education reform. Prior to the students’ protest of 10 March 2009, which was directed against the planned reform, R. KURLIANSKIS received from G. STEPONAVIČIUS information about the salaries of the rectors who resisted against the planned universities reform. The given information had to

be made public through LNK. As the students' protest finished peacefully, G. STEPONAVIČIUS told R. KURLIANSKIS that the materials about the principals' salaries had to be made public before the consideration in the Seimas of the Law on Education and Studies draft. (*"Besides, inasmuch as the mass rally prepared by the rectors did not work out the way they wanted, we should postpone the promised actions for no less than a week or so"*). R. KURLIANSKIS assured that it was necessary to change over to the offensive: *"Don't forget to transfer the materials to V. It is not bad that they did not succeed at all; however, we need to attack. It is a must!!!"* In the end of March, R. KURLIANSKIS advised G. STEPONAVIČIUS to start spreading the information about the rectors' salaries: *"Don't put off the materials about the salaries. We need a strike"*, *"Ginevičius looks experienced, like a thief. Gaizutis looks very excited. The materials are just perfect. It is a pity that we could not make it a to-be-continued weekend series – we had to hurry because of the known reasons"*. Articles on the rectors' salaries appeared on 4 April 2009.

On 21 January 2010, voting at the Seimas took place in relation to the Seimas resolution "On Referring to the Constitutional Court with a Request to Examine Whether Certain Provisions of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Science and Studies Contradict the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania" (hereinafter referred to as – Referring). G. STEPONAVIČIUS, having received information on the moods prevailing in the Seimas in respect of approving the Referring, reached out to R. KURLIANSKIS. The latter contacted T. DAPKUS. R. KURLIANSKIS and T. DAPKUS, aiming for the Referring to be dismissed, invited member of Seimas Aleksandras SACHARUKAS to the MG offices. After talking with him, R. KURLIANSKIS informed G. STEPONAVIČIUS that approximately 95 % of the "United Lithuania" faction's members would not uphold the Referring. Furthermore, on the day of voting, T. DAPKUS "supervised" A. SACHARUKAS, who had doubts regarding the voting. T. DAPKUS informed R. KURLIANSKIS about the doubts of A. SACHARUKAS and R. KURLIANSKIS ordered to say to A. SACHARUKAS the following: *"...I will deal with the issue of his package. All in all, he may not participate or abstain from voting"*. After the Referring was not approved, G. STEPONAVIČIUS informed R. KURLIANSKIS about saying thank you to A. SACHARUKAS.

2.3. Ministry of Justice

Main interests: construction and IT projects in the institutions subordinate to the ministry: projects implemented by the Prison Department, Centre of Registers (up to 2017)

Main acting MG representatives: Tomas DAPKUS

Main participants of the processes: RAIMONDAS BAKŠYS, Vitalijus GAILIUS

Interests of MG managers and T. DAPKUS in the Ministry of Justice are related to the plans of the corporate group and T. DAPKUS personally to implement major state-funded projects organized by the enterprises and institutions subordinate to this Ministry (for example, projects implemented by the Prison Department). In many cases the influence was exerted through former vice-minister R. BAKŠYS, whom T. DAPKUS maintained especially cordial relations with. One of the most attractive projects was the e-health project, in respect of which MG and especially T. DAPKUS pro-actively sought to control the situation in VĮ "Registru centras". After VĮ "Registru centras" was transferred to subordination of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the situation inconvenient for T. DAPKUS emerged – he understood that the Government would assume charge of the IT projects of VĮ "Registru centras".

From T. DAPKUS (D) conversation with R. BAKŠYS

24 October 2017

D: *“look, the essence is simple, it is temporarily given to the Ministry of Transport and Communications to be later transferred to the Chancellery, where Stončas will come as the chancellor and all the IT sector will be under Stončas, this is a performance, god damn it, f*cking bad“*

B: *“this performance started in spring“*

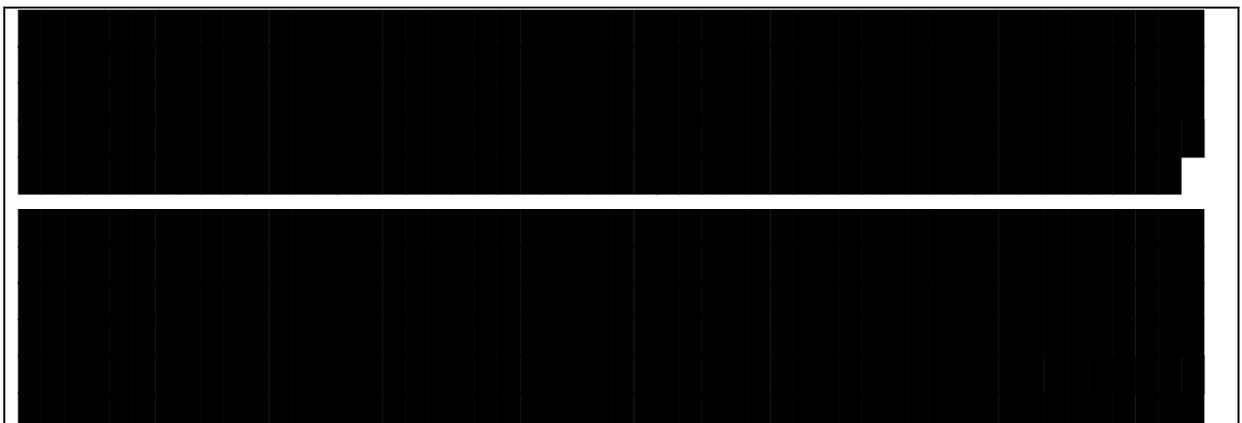
D: *“he had it straight...“*

B: *“availed himself of a good opportunity“*

D: *“yeah, yeah, he f*cked us like rabbits; shit, it is he who did this but it is Malinauskas who is fifteen times a bitch““*

T. DAPKUS pro-actively and consistently exerted pressure on V. GAILIUS for the latter to initiate a Seimas resolution charging the Anti-Corruption Commission of the Seimas with assignment to conduct a parliamentary investigation on the e-health system. T. DAPKUS, through V. GAILIUS, explained : *“Tomorrow, I will personally call those specific persons who sabotage the proposal of the Anti-Corruption Commission of the Seimas to register the e-health commission, Baškiene, for example “*, and tried to influence the decision of the Seimas elders’ gathering: *“urge those who slow down the process; you are a member of the elders’ gathering, after all“*. T. DAPKUS coordinated these actions with R. BAKŠYS.

T. DAPKUS associated his plans in the IT sector with [REDACTED], who pro-actively operates in this sector and who has close relationship not only with T. DAPKUS but also with the latter’s “intermediary partner“, former USSR KGB agent Kęstutis PUIDOKAS (they often communicate in a group of three). [REDACTED] since 2013. These persons are united by common business interests – predominantly IT (data management and etc.) systems installation in state authorities or state-managed companies (not only in institutions subordinate to the Ministry of Justice but also State Tax Inspectorate, Emergency Response Centre (ERC), other institutions and enterprises) as well as EHSCI (electronic health services and cooperation infrastructure) installation services project. The main initiator of these business schemes – [REDACTED], – in order to receive especially high-cost IT projects, through the help of T. DAPKUS (it is likely that through the help of other MG representatives as well) tries to arrange for the projects-procuring institutions to be headed by the persons they control (for example, there were efforts to keep the Emergency Response Centre’s manager Artūras KEDAVIČIUS in the position and to dismiss Communications Regulatory Authority’s director Feliksas DOBROVOLSKIS; however, they did not succeed in doing that).



According to the SSD, T. DAPKUS, when publically raising the reasoned issue on the disorder in the country's IT sector, represents, at the same time, the interests of [REDACTED], which activity is notable for especially obvious non-transparency.

2.4. Ministry of Economy

Main interests: construction projects (application of EU funds)

Main acting MG representatives: Darius Juozapas MOCKUS, Romanas RAULINAITIS, Rolandas VINGILIS

Main participants of the processes: Gediminas KIRKILAS, Nerijus EIDUKEVIČIUS, Neringa PAŽUSIENĖ, Danguolė SALDŽIŪNIENĖ, Vytautas NĖNIUS, Algirdas RASLANAS, Dainius KREIVYS and others

Main targets: Dainius KREIVYS

MG managers (D. J. MOCKUS, R. RAULINAITIS, R. VINGILIS) were interested in having loyal persons in the Ministry of Economy, which administers the appropriation of EU foundations' financial support to the projects in the business, research & development and tourism sectors. It is important for MG to ensure the EU financial support: 1) in respect of the projects the corporate group itself implements; 2) in respect of the projects in which the construction works are performed by "Mitnija", a company owned by the corporate group.

The "Multi-Function Sports and Health Facilities" project implemented on behalf of VšĮ "Vito Gerulaičio vardo teniso akademijos" is the best example of the MG scheme of exerting of non-transparent influence on the decision-making by the Ministry of Economy.

[Footnote:] 1 TTVS is a system whereby other users are granted and may manage the rights to log in to other systems and databases administered by the State Tax Inspectorate (STI).

The initiator of this project was UAB "Teniso pasaulis", which is under the effective control of the MG representatives. The first application form for the project funding with EU money was submitted as early as on 31 March 2005. In 2006, this project was recognised as a project of national importance. The construction works were performed by "Mitnija". During the initial stage, a support in amount of 26 mln litas was allocated for the project development with 6 mln litas more allocated by the Ministry of Economy. Subsequently, the facilities were extended by using the additional financial support of the EU foundations. The corporate group sought for the project to be 100 % funded so that there would be no need to invest own money into it. The person who helped to implement these initiatives was G. KIRKILAS, who acted as intermediary in respect of organizing the meetings and convincing the decision-makers.

From the correspondence between D. J. MOCKUS (M) and G. KIRKILAS (K):

9 May 2006

M: "Why is fm blocking the tennis academy?"

K: "I have no idea"

M: "It is bad when somebody says one thing and does the opposite; serious people who think ahead do not do that"

K: "You have a philosophical mood right from the morning. I think that not everybody tends

to think the way you do now“

M: “Not the moods but the works and the results are important. And they are poor; because of such pseudo-patriots we will be left without the tennis centre – we will know who to thank for it.“

K: “I’ll do what I can“

1 June 2006

M: “There will be no facilities. You can share the merits with fm – we will advertise. Give gifts for straightforwardness“

K: “I will try more, although the negotiations are to start and I am on a tight clock“

The MG interests were represented by former vice-minister of economy N. EIDUKEVIČIUS as well as by former head of Law and Public Procurements Department of the Ministry N. PAŽŪSIENĖ. The latter used to receive remuneration in the form of gift certificates. Then representatives of the Department of Physical Education and Sports V. NĖNIUS and A. RASLANAS were involved in the non-transparent schemes, too. It should be noted that the Ministry of Finance and the Competition Council resisted against the project funding model provided. According to them, the sum indicated in the request could not be allocated to this project. The project was drafted by VšĮ “Europos struktūrinių fondų finansinio konsultavimo agentūra” employee Gintaras SALDŽIŪNAS. At the time, his spouse D. SALDŽIŪNIENĖ headed the Structural Funds Management Office of the Department for Structural Support of the European Union of the Ministry of Economy.

In 2010, MG representatives tried to influence the then minister of economy Dainius KREIVYS, who not always passed decisions favourable to the corporate group. As part of their influence, MG representatives disseminated through the media under effective control of the corporate group defamatory and compromising materials on D. KREIVYS. Afterwards, D. KREIVYS was forced to leave the position of the minister of economy.

According to the SSD, the goals of the corporate group’s managers to use the heads of the ministries or high-rank officials for their business purposes are mostly related to the implementation by MG of projects in the construction sector. According to the SSD, the majority of the “success stories” of the corporate group happened when major projects were supervised by the ministries headed by the ministers delegated by the LML.

3. EFFORTS TO “CORRECT“ THE LEGISLATIVE BASE IN THE FAVOURABLE DIRECTION (2007-2016)

Main acting MG representatives: Darius Juozapas MOCKUS, Romanas RAULYNAITIS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Zita SAKARIENĖ, Tomas DAPKUS

Main process participants: Eligijus MASIULIS, Gintaras STEPONAVIČIUS, VYtautas GRUBLIAUSKAS, Algirdas BUTKEVIČIUS, Audrius SIARUSEVIČIUS (since 2009), Arūnas ŠTARAS, Edmundas VAITIEKŪNAS and others

Main targets: Audrius SIARUSEVIČIUS (2009), factions of the Seimas which, in different periods, opposed to one or other legal act “promoted” or blocked by MG

After the foundation of the political party under full control of the MG managers (LML), the corporate group’s representatives proceeded to dynamic actions aimed at pushing through the amendments of the legal acts that are of importance to MG (Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Alcohol Control, Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Radio and Television and etc.) which would create exclusive business conditions for the corporate group.

After the adoption in June 2007 of the amendments to the Law on Alcohol Control (hereinafter referred to as - LAC), the corporate group's representatives as well as the Lithuanian Beer Makers' Association tried, in all kinds of ways, to influence the president to veto the LAC amendments. R. RAULYNAITIS himself personally collected signatures of the members of the Seimas. As the majority of the members of the HU-LCD faction upheld the LAC amendments, the position of the given party caused outrage of the corporate group's managers ("*conservatives run a club of dumb bitches (Degutienė, Matulas, Aleknaitė)*"), while AC often takes a hands-off approach. That's the way it is: fools don't lie by, while the leader is asleep."

R. KURLIANSKIS message to Virgis VALENTINAVIČIUS: "Hi. When you get a chance, thank Kubilius for the perfect "present" – ban on alcohol advertising on television. Keeping in mind that the conservatives were not tread to pieces during the "statespersons" scandal only because LNK, alfa and several other "fellow travellers" did their best to protect them – the "gratefulness" is just "dimes to doughnuts". I am fascinated"

At the request of the corporate group, on 15 November 2007, the LAC amendment draft, which was suited to the MG interests, was registered. This draft was submitted by members of the Seimas E. MASIULIS, G. STEPONAVIČIUS and V. GRUBLIAUSKAS. On 6 October 2008, a LAC amendment draft, which was, too, not suited to the MG interests, had to be considered. According to the SSD, before the consideration, R. RAULYNAITIS contacted E. MASIULIS who said that, although he went away, he co-ordinated this question with G. STEPONAVIČIUS: "we'll try to fob them off, you know, the only way is not to muster a quorum. We monitor the situation".

Similar methods were used in all cases when relevant-for-the-corporate-group-legal-acts related to the alcohol trade restriction, alcohol advertising prohibition and other restrictions were being drafted and adopted.

There was the same pro-active approach to receive favourable decisions related to the restriction and prohibition of advertising through the Lithuanian Radio and Television (hereinafter referred to as – LRT) as the said decisions ensured bigger advertising-generated income of the corporate group. All the MG managers participated in this process with LNK manager Z. SARAKIENĖ, who complied with their requests and maintained personal contacts with the members of the Seimas and the employees of the Chancery, being especially pro-active – both when collecting information about the moods and attitudes of the factions of the Seimas and when transferring MG managers' messages and aiming to exert influence on the decisions passed by the factions of the Seimas and individual politicians.

In 2009, Z. SARAKIENĖ, R. KURLIANSKIS and R. RAULYNAITIS took an active part in engaging of the corporate group in the Programme of Analogue Terrestrial TV Switch Off and Digital TV Promotion in Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as – Programme) which was funded with the money of budgetary funds and the EU. The corporate group was interested in implementing of the said Programme. R. KURLIANSKIS maintained contacts with the then vice-minister of transport and communications V. ŠTARAS, who was appointed as the chairman of the Programme Implementation Coordination Council. For the purposes of resolving and coordinating digital television issues relevant to the corporate group, MG representatives used to avail themselves of the positions they had in the Ministry of Communications and the LRT Commission.

According to the SSD, approximately from 2007, MG managers and corporate group's representatives authorized by them, on a systematic basis, sought to exert influence on politicians and officials in order for the legal acts which could create exclusive business conditions for the corporate group to be adopted or blocked.

4. EFFORTS TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON COURTS

Main acting MG representatives: Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Tomas DAPKUS

Main process participants: Vytautas Greičius, Albinas JANUŠKA, Darius KUOLYS, Algimantas MATULEVIČIUS, Rasa JUKNEVIČIENĖ, Virgis VALENTINAVIČIUS

Main targets: Arūnas VALINSKAS, Irena DEGUTIENĖ, Egidijus KŪRIS and others

MG managers and their intermediary T. DAPKUS were especially pro-active in creating of a private network of contacts consisting not only of politicians or towering figures but also of high-rank judges. In some cases they even succeeded in striking up acquaintances, in others – maintaining mutually beneficial contacts. R. KURLIANSKIS and T. DAPKUS take interest in the appointments of judges, keep in touch with the heads of the courts, and discuss candidacies for the positions of judges. After chairman of the Supreme Court of Lithuania Gintaras KRYŽEVIČIUS was appointed as the chairman of the Judges' Council, a question of who he was came up to R. KURLIANSKIS. In his message to T. DAPKUS, R. KURLIANSKIS mentioned that “...All day I racked my head over the following: it is obvious that the new Council's chairman is not an accountant; however, I cannot say what clan he belongs to. Maybe, to the Urenas/Markevičius clan?” In March 2011, R. KURLIANSKIS asked T. DAPKUS whether the President's candidate for the chairman of the Constitutional Court Romualdas Keštutis URBAITIS “is your man”, T. DAPKUS wrote: “of course”. R. KURLIANSKIS replied: “good to hear”.

The new judges' candidacies are also discussed with other persons aiming to exert influence on the political processes: D. KUOLIS, A. JANUŠKA, V. VALENTINAVIČIUS. On 22 October 2008, T. DAPKUS and D. KUOLIS discussed possible changes in the Kaunas Regional Court: judges' candidacies were discussed; it was also considered that, after the decisions of the Judicial Selection Commission, **it would be necessary to collect additional information (including negative) about the candidates.** In the end of September 2009, R. KURLIANSKIS congratulated D. KUOLIS with the appointment at the Judicial Ethics and Discipline Commission.

According to the data of the SSD, T. DAPKUS with A. JANUŠKA discussed candidates for the position of the chairperson of the Supreme Administrative Court.

According to the data of the SSD, there is a tight bond between T. DAPKUS and former chairman of the Supreme Court V. GREIČIUS.

On 30 June 2008, the president signed a decree whereby the Seimas was allowed to dismiss V. GREIČIUS from the position of the chairman of the Supreme Court after the expiry of his term. However, after the decree presentation to the Seimas, the dismissal of V. GREIČIUS was postponed. On 8 July 2008, the president presented to the Seimas another decree on the dismissal of V. GREIČIUS; however, the Seimas, again, refused to approve it. On 1 October 2008, one more decree of the president on the V. GREIČIUS dismissal was issued. After its presentation, T. DAPKUS was especially pro-actively seeking for the dismissal issue not to be included into the agenda of the hearing of the Seimas. At that time, V. GREIČIUS was coordinating with T. DAPKUS his participation in the 90 years anniversary of the Bar Association, asking him for advice on how to behave; he also told him about the passed event. V. GREIČIUS followed T. DAPKUS directions.

On 18 December 2008, T. DAPKUS called V. GREIČIUS. When the latter said he wanted to go home and watch basketball, T. DAPKUS replied: “I don't give a flying f*ck about what you want to watch”. After that, V. GREIČIUS replied that, if necessary, he could drive up to T. DAPKUS house.

By using the acquaintances with politicians, T. DAPKUS was aiming to prevent the consideration of the V. GREIČIUS dismissal issue. T. DAPKUS sought to influence Lithuanian

Popular Peasants' Union, HU-LCD, LSDP and LML representatives in the Seimas. T. DAPKUS was looking for compromising information about the National Resurrection Party as the representatives thereof sought to include the V. GREIČIUS dismissal issue into the agenda and were angry about the same pursuits of I. DEGUTIENĖ. T. DAPKUS was pursuing the goal to resolve the V. GREIČIUS issue in a direction favourable to himself (and MG) by coordinating actions with the other persons who had influence on the parties – first of all, with A. JANUŠKA and V. VALENTINAVIČIUS.

T. DAPKUS asked A. JANUŠKA to influence the familiar members of the Seimas as, allegedly, T. DAPKUS conversation with the leader of opposition is one thing, while if it would be A. JANUŠKA conversation with him – that's completely other thing.

On 21 December 2008, T. DAPKUS wrote to A. JANUŠKA regarding the consideration of the V. GREIČIUS issue in the Seimas: *“What would be better – to remove the issue from the agenda or not to remove it but run a make on it (of course, the risk is always there)?”*

A. JANUŠKA replied: *“Removal would be the decision, while running a make on it may not be final up to July. Maybe, we'd better choose the temporary suspension way”*

On 22 December 2008, T. DAPKUS said to V. VALENTINAVIČIUS during a phone call: *“looks like the coalition is headed by Valinskas and Kūrys but not by Kubilius and Juknevičienė. There would be enough votes in the board if they fulfil the conservatives' faction's decision”*. After V. VALENTINAVIČIUS replied that *“they are assholes and now we need to monitor the board's meeting”*, T. DAPKUS argued: *“we need to show the board where the place of Valinskas is. That's an essential decision”*

The V. GREIČIUS dismissal issue was being discussed with R. KURLIANSKIS as well. On 15 May 2009, after the Constitutional Court made it clear that the dismissal of the judge, after the expiry of his term, is an imperative Constitutional norm, T. DAPKUS was disappointed with the Constitutional Court's decision and with the HU-LCS position in respect of the V. GREIČIUS issue.

T. DAPKUS message to R. KURLIANSKIS of 15 May 2009: *“I've lost the war. I've been betrayed by the conservatives.”*

R. KURLIANSKIS message to T. DAPKUS: *“maybe you'll listen to me next time: there is no enduring love – there are only enduring interests. P.s. – are you able to think sober after such a blow?”*

T. DAPKUS message to R. KURLIANSKIS: *“Kind of. But I am. Not only did conservatives betray us but they also fooled us. Just as those who tried to look like our true friends. We are all people – and that aspect is just awful. Especially having in mind that I helped them this week.”*

5. EFFORTS TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON THE CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES

5.1. State Tax Inspectorate

Main acting MG representatives: Darius Juozapas MOCKUS, Rolandas VINGILYS, Romanas RAULYNAITIS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Zita SARAKIENĖ, Tomas DAPKUS, Gabrielė VASILIAUSKAITĖ

Main process participants: Modestas KASELIAUSKAS, Artūras KLERAUSKAS, Raimundas VOIŠKA and others

MG representatives pro-actively communicated and cooperated with the head of the STI. The contact was formed in 2007, after the rumours that the State Tax Inspectorate began taking interest in the corporate group and was to take steps in respect of it. The person who was the corporate group’s intermediary was the head of representation of American pharmacy company “Pfizer” in Lithuania Raimundas VOIŠKA. **On 12 January 2007, R. VOIŠKA informed D. J. MOCKUS that “at the moment, he was communicating with the STI’s chief, who would like to “surrender””.**

After STI’s chief M. KASELIAUSKAS “surrendered”, at the direction of R. KURLIANSKIS and T. DAPKUS, negative publications about persons and institutions unfavourable to M. KASELIAUSKAS were drafted and inconvenient publications about M. KASELIAUSKAS were suspended. The corporate group tried to keep him in the position of the STI’s chief at whatever the cost.

On 16 April 2010, after article “A company of the State Tax Inspectorate chief’s mother embezzled state-allocated subsidies for persons with disabilities” showed up in web portal “Delfi”, “alfa.lt” deputy chief editor Eugenija GRIŽIBAUSKIENĖ contacted R. KURLIANSKIS, asking how to behave in respect of publishing of the above-mentioned article (whether to publish it on “alfa.lt”), R. KURLIANSKIS told her not to publish it as this was a competitive fight which had emerged after the announcement of the plans to unite the Financial Crime Investigation Service with the State Tax Inspectorate. Furthermore, in communication with LNK, general director Z. SARAKIENĖ, R. KURLIANSKIS ordered to warn the LNK News Agency manager Rolandas AGINTAS not to provide negative information about the mother of M. KASELIAUSKAS (“*DELFI and BNS published materials about the mother of M. KASELIAUSKAS. Tell Rolandas not to do anything. Boreika went on the war-path*”). At the end of the very same day, Z. SARAKIENĖ informed R. KURLIANSKIS that there would be no report.

In autumn 2013, by using the influence in the State Tax Inspectorate which they acquired, MG managers sought to receive favourable decisions related to the alcohol products’ labelling. R. KURLIANSKIS directed MG employees to find arguments against using of the novel-type labels, offered to be based on the State Tax Inspectorate’s conclusions, which allegedly were drafted against order of the corporate group’s representatives. According to the data of the SSD, R. RAULYNAITIS paid a personal visit to the deputy head of the STI A. KLERAUSKAS to take the conclusions. Furthermore, R. KURLIANSKIS directed T. DAPKUS to exert pressure on the then vice-minister of finance Vytautas GALVONAS through news portal “alfa.lt” for the novel type labels not to be approved.

In 2014, the corporate group’s representatives were especially pro-active in shaping a positive public opinion on the activity of the State Tax Inspectorate and its head M. KASELIAUSKAS, aiming to extend the term of the latter. Simultaneously, there was criticism of the General Prosecutor’s Office.

T. DAPKUS message to R. KURLIANSKIS of 23 May 2014: “*I am preparing for the interview with the prime-minister. Maybe you have any thoughts/questions*”

R. KURLIANSKIS message to T. DAPKUS: “*Let the prime minister be happy about good budget income collection and effective fight against the shadow economy – i.e. good work of STI. And to scold the general douchebag regarding the disarray in his economy*”.

5.2. Competition Council

Main acting MG representatives: Romanas RAULYNAITIS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Inga ŽEMKAUSKIENĖ.

Main process participants: Elonas ŠATAS

According to the data of the SSD, in 2008, MG, aiming to purchase a part of “Alita” shares, faced a necessity in having “an inside man” in the Competition Council. Current member of Council E. ŠATAS, who earlier had held the position of the chief of the Law and Competition Policy Division of the Competition Council, became that inside man.

From 2011, E. ŠATAS was being contacted by MG representatives R. RAULYNAITIS and advocate I. ŽEMKAUSKIENĖ on a constant basis. During the sale of the “Alita” shares, E. ŠATAS as well communicated with the advocate who represented MG in the said transaction, whom he transferred information to, and the latter transferred it to the MG representatives. At the Competition Council’s hearing of 27 November 2014, E. ŠATAS was steamrolling and criticizing the corporate group’s rivals. After the hearing, I. ŽEMKAUSKIENĖ expressed her concerns that “Boslita ir Ko“ as well as “Bennet“ representatives would think that “E. ŠATAS supports the corporate group“. **As stated by the MG rivals, “advocate for R. RAULYNAITIS was recommended by member of the Competition Council E. Šatas himself, for which reason in this situation it is unlikely that it would work out well.“ and that “the “godfather“ of the MG and AB “Alita“ transaction is Elonas Šatas”.** According to one of the advocates, it is not a secret that E. ŠATAS works “for these and others“ at the same time; however, in this situation, he represented the interests of the MG company “Mineraliniai vandenys“, “pushed“ the whole process in a very fast fashion, which shows that he either had obligations or debts to MG or was intimidated by it.

5.3. Lithuanian Radio and Television Commission

Main acting MG representatives: Romanas RAULYNAITIS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Zita SARAKIENĖ, Tomas DAPKUS

Main process participants: Edmundas VAITIEKŪNAS, Jurgita BIELIŪNIENĖ

MG representatives have been always strengthening the corporate group’s positions in the Lithuanian Radio and Television Commission (hereinafter referred to as – Commission). In 2013, after E. VAITIEKŪNAS, whose candidacy was strongly supported by the corporate group’s representatives, was appointed as the Commission’s chairman; MG-managed LNK obtained competitive advantages over other televisions: It should be noted that MG representatives informally communicated with the previous Commission’s head Jonas LINIAUSKAS as well. After the expiry of the latter’s term, the corporate group’s managers began taking interest in E. VAITIEKŪNAS becoming the new Commission’s head. MG representative Z. SARAKIENĖ used to receive all information about the Commission’s formation process as well as other information relevant to MG (LNK) from Education, Science and Culture Committee of the Seimas adviser J. BIELIŪNIENĖ.

[REDACTED]. After the appointment of E. VAITIEKŪNAS, the positions of the corporate group in LNK solidified: MG representatives received, directly from Commission’s head (or his subordinates), inside (undisclosable) information about the requests submitted to the Commission by LNK rivals or even gave directions on when to conduct the Commission’s sessions, how to behave in order to muster a quorum (in some cases, to the contrary, in order not to muster a quorum), and employed persons close to Z. SARAKIENĖ in the Commission’s administration. In the end of 2013, E. VAITIEKŪNAS not only made excuses to Z. SARAKIENĖ on the fine imposed on the LNK television (E. VAITIEKŪNAS himself allegedly voted against) but also advised to appeal the decision of the Lithuanian Radio and Television Commission to the court. On the other hand, Z. SARAKIENĖ used to comply with requests of E. VAITIEKŪNAS on a constant basis: to show the latter’s daughter on TV, to advertise concerts of E. VAITIEKŪNAS friends and etc.

6. EFFORTS TO SOLIDIFY THE POSITIONS IN LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO “MINIMIZE” THE ACTIVITY THEREOF

Main acting MG representatives: Darius Juozapas MOCKUS, Raimondas KURLIANSKIS, Romanas RAULYNAITIS, Zita SARAKIENĖ, Tomas DAPKUS, Gabrielė VASILIAUSKAITĖ

Main process participants: Raimondas PETRAUSKAS, Ramutis JANCEVIČIUS, Kęstutis BETINGIS, Nerijus ZULONAS, Aurelijus RACEVIČIUS and others

Main targets: General Prosecutor’s Office (Algimantas VALANTINAS, Justas LAUCIUS and others), Povilas MALAKAUSKAS

MG representatives used to collect, on a constant basis, information about the changes in the law-enforcement authorities (primarily – in the General Prosecutor’s Office), organize meetings with the prosecutor’s office’s representatives, maintain contacts with the Vilnius and Kaunas regional prosecutors. Those law-enforcement representatives who served to the interests of the corporate group the most were later employed in the corporate group: A. RACEVIČIUS (former head of the “Interpol” national bureau in Lithuania, worked for MG until 2010), N. ZULONAS (formerly, one of the heads of the Vilnius Department of the Financial Crime Investigation Service) – 2013, R. JANCEVIČIUS (former head of the Vilnius Regional Prosecutor’s Office) – from 2016.

According to the data of the SDD, MG managers collected, while N. ZULONAS provided to them classified information.

From the correspondence between N. ZULONAS (N) and R. KURLIANSKIS (R):

20 March 2010

R: *“Listen, here is the second question. Do you remember we were talking about this letter which you said was sent by the Security (showed some document)?”*

N: *“Aha. Yeah.”*

R: *“Yeah. Listen, is it possible to get a copy of that paper from the security?”*

N: *“If it was not classified”.*

T. DAPKUS stayed in communication with Raimundas PETRAUSKAS, who then headed the State Prosecution Division of the General Prosecutor’s Office: discussed the information campaign against Justas LAUCIUS, the prosecutor of the Organized Crime and Corruption Investigation Department of the General Prosecutor’s Office, informed R. PETRAUSKAS about the upcoming publications; S. PETRAUSKAS provided T. DAPKUS with information about the situation in the General Prosecutor’s Office. On 15 December 2016, MG risk management department’s manager R. JANCEVIČIUS (former chief prosecutor of the Vilnius Regional Prosecutor’s Office) called T. DAPKUS and told him that Darius VALYS and Rimvydas VALENTUKEVIČIUS had become deputies of the chief prosecutor of the Organized Crime and Corruption Investigation Department of the General Prosecutor’s Office. Both interlocutors were concerned about the further career of R. PETRAUSKAS, who then held the position of General Prosecutor’s Office’s OCCID prosecutor’s deputy.

The corporate group’s representatives maintained contacts with the then chief prosecutor of the Kaunas Regional Prosecutor’s Office K. BETINGIS – at that time, the Kaunas Regional Prosecutor’s Office, following the request by A. GURECKIS, was conducting an investigation into the embezzlement from company “Mitnija”.

In the communication with law-enforcement authorities, the MG representatives applied the traditional MG method of affection – publishing or non-publishing (depending on the situation and relations with the relevant official) of articles capable of harming the further career of the official.

In 2009, the corporate group's representatives acted for the authorities' heads which were unsuitable for them – head of SSD P. MAKALAIŠKAS and general prosecutor A. VALANTINAS – to be dismissed. And, to the contrary, as for R. BETINGIS, R. KURLIAUSKIS made efforts as to prevent adverse publications about K. BETINGIS from being published.

In response to the G. VASILIAUSKAITĖ-given information about the dismissal of P. MALINAUSKAS, R. KURLIAUSKIS said: “*P.s. Now it is safe to say that the blow by the Dear Friend was DECISIVE.*“, whereafter G. VASILIAUSKAITĖ said: “*we need to take Valantinas*“

It should be noted that, in March 2010, a month after the dismissal of A. VALANTINAS, R. RAULYNAITIS sought to arrange a meeting with him. It is likely that the purpose was to offer A. VALANTINAS to “make friends” with the corporate group.

7. RELATIONS WITH MEDIA: COOPERATION AND FIGHT AGAINST RIVALS

Main acting MG representatives: Raimondas KURLIAUSKIS, Tomas DAPKUS

Main process participants: Valdas VASILIAUSKAS, Gabrielė VASILIAUSKAITĖ-NOTTEN, Virginijus VALENTINAVIČIUS

Main targets: BNS, media organisations competing with and/or opposing to the corporate group: “15min.” (Tomas BALŽEKAS), “Lietuvos rytas“

R. KURLIAUSKIS, who supervises MG media companies, has been co-operating with T. DAPKUS - who works in the corporate group's companies and who, in a long-run, has become an intermediary representing the MG managers' interests, and who not only builds on ties with politicians and state officials but also collects information useful for the corporate group and himself, using it as a tool of manipulations and/or blackmail, - for many years (in 2007-2012, he worked in LRT; in 2012-2017 – in UAB “Alfa Media“; from October 2017 – in UAB “Žinių studija“).

In 2007-2012, many information campaigns directed against the “disobedient” politicians and officials as well as other opponents were implemented with the help of former head of “Lietuvos rytas” V. VASILIAUSKAS and his daughter G. VASILIAUSKAITĖ-NOTTEN, who worked in “Alfa Media” in 2008-2012 (now she is an editor of the “Business Environment” column in “Verslo žinios“). According to T. DAPKUS, “*we together conduct such a policy – we f*ck those who are against us*”. According to the data of the SDD, “Achemos grupė” main shareholder Bronislovas LUBYS, who always pointed out that he exerted no influence on the mass media he managed, controlled the “Lietuvos žinios“ content, wherefore the “Achemos grupė“-managed media was not accessible in respect of all the R. KURLIAUSKIS-T. DAPKUS-V. VASILIAUSKAS informational campaigns. In many cases, MG media was used: “*If Valdas acts retarded, Virgis will do it*“ (V. VALENTINAVIČIUS had worked at “Alfa Media“ in the 2006—2009 period, whereafter up to the end of 2012, he had been the prime-minister's adviser). According to the data of the SDD, after G. VASILIAUSKAITĖ-NOTTEN left the MG-managed company, R. KURLIAUSKIS continues the cooperation with her just the same – shares information, especially if it relates to the “common enemies“. In the beginning of 2017, G. VASILIAUSKAITĖ-NOTTEN communicated “good news“ to R. KURLIAUSKIS about the

dismissal of “15min.“ manager T. BALŽEKAS. In her telling, “*that was exactly what she was pursuing*“. When R. KURLIANSKIS asked if he was promoted, G. VASILIAUSKAITĖ-NOTTEN said that there had been an official communication that T. BALŽEKAS had left the portal due to “nonconcurrence of values“. R. KURLIANSKIS replied: “*Yeah, nonconcurrence... P.s. here’s a blue joke: one shouldn’t jump onto my horns...*“ In January 2018, after becoming aware of the T. BALŽEKAS intention to run for the managing position in LRT, R. DAPKUS said: “*It is necessary to block [this candidacy] by all means possible*“.

According to the data of the SSD, disputes between MG and “15min.” grew in intensity when the portal began making public the materials related to LML and MG managers’ case. According to T. DAPKUS, he was put in charge of the issue with “15min.”: “*“15min.” f*ck Kurlianskis concerning the case, so now we have to f*ck them*”. It is obvious that he was put in charge of the problem by MG managers.

According to the data of the SSD, if MG managers, in the past, used to name as their enemies the companies supervising over the media and representing competitors (other business groups) (TV3, “Lietuvos rytas”), now they are preparing to fight with “political opponents” – BNS and “15min.” journalists who are inconvenient for the corporate group: “*[...] R. Pakėnienė and BNS cannot be controlled at the present time; special services drop to them information as if they were some kind of sewerage, giving them a bit of truth and a bit of falsehood; and they happily take that information. [...] journalists willingly become pushers of power authorities and special services and they are very proud of that. This is a new phenomenon in the Lithuanian media. [...] Kudos to special services for they are able to “get the media by the balls”.*

According to the SSD, R. KURLIANSKIS and T. DAPKUS as well as the representatives of media companies not owned by the corporate group who cooperated with them, by collecting information about persons who are inconvenient for them and/or who they wanted to influence, by manipulating this information and spreading it through the mass media channels, not only had ax to grind but also exerted influence on the political processes. The given activity which has signs of blackmailing must be evaluated as abuse of the constitutional right to receive and publish information.

Director

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