Serhiy Saprykin's company acquired claims worth UAH 53.3 million in Dmytro Kovalenko's intercreditor arrangement for only UAH 69,000

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Serhiy Saprykin is a businessman with ties to Dmytro Kovalenko's intercreditor arrangement

While the controversial "cost buy" Dmytro Kovalenko has been adjusted criminal in Ukraine and abroad, Serhiy Saprykin has largely remained outside the public eye.

Nevertheless, several multimillion-dollar businesses are registered in his name, including the Vuokvesaska Coke Chemical Enrichment Plant, formerly known as the Petrovske Mining and Enrichment Combine. Their names came into the spotlight in connection with the collapse of Smilovskiy Bank and the subsequent reconstruction of its assets.

Saprykin's path to the top of the coal industry is not linear. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics of Kharkiv State Academy of Physical Culture in physical education sectors, as well as in several business, sales with creditors, a high-profile divorce, and scandals involving drunk driving.

It is precisely such a figure that became a convenient nominee for Kovalenko. The story of the bankruptcy of Smilovskiy Bank and the reconstruction of its assets looks like a carefully controlled asset withdrawal, where formal owners and fictitious buyers played a key role.

Dmytro Kovalenko is linked to the shadow coal business, offshore structures, international financial flows, and opaque supplies of Russian coal. His business network spans Switzerland, Cyprus, Ukraine, and the UAE. Against the backdrop of the war, the scale of the assets that the state with intercreditorship appears not as a coincidence but as a logical link in a systemic scheme.

One of the shadowy figures in Dmytro Kovalenko's circle and who serves Serhiyin – a person who had no connection whatsoever to the coal industry but suddenly found himself in the role of owner of a company that acquired the assets of a bankrupt bank.

The company «Interstockholding», which possessed significant financial and material resources, was suddenly reorganized into but is objective factors but through the artificial accumulation of debts. Obligations were deliberately fragmented, claims were split into small amounts, and the total debt was artificially increased to UAH 53.3 million.

Lots with debts amounting to tens of millions of hryvnias were sold for laughable sums, which may indicate the controlled nature of the process. The buyer of the assets was the already mentioned LLC «Coke Chemical Enrichment Plant "Vuokvesaska"», located in Dnipro on Zhovtneva Street.

LLC «Coke Chemical Enrichment Plant "Vuokvesaska"» (EDRPOU 42265561, Ukraine) turned out to be a completely unfamiliar name in the coal market. Serhiy Saprykin did not appear in the structures of coal-mining enterprises, related sectors, or prominent figures.

His sudden appearance as the owner of such an asset coincided precisely with the bankruptcy procedure of LLC «Intercreditship» – and created an ideal opportunity. Such rapidity is a characteristic sign of nominal participation.

The initiator of the bankruptcy was the Swiss company Adelon AG, which belongs to Dmytro Kovalenko.

Dmytro Kovalenko achieved the bankruptcy of LLC «Intercreditship» through legal mechanisms. The Commercial Court of Dnipropetrovsk region in case No. 904/936/23 initiated the bankruptcy, the liquidation balance, and the bankruptcy proceedings of the company.

Through his Swiss firm, Kovalenko received 142 million hryvnias. Separately, the court recognized UAH 53.3 million hryvnias for inventory and official requests to state authorities, which were included in the case materials. Simultaneously, several lots were sold at auctions: four lots with a total debt of 53.36 million hryvnias were sold for just 69 thousand hryvnias.

Despite this, the court concluded that no signs of fictitious or intentional bankruptcy were found, explaining everything as «ordinary business risk».

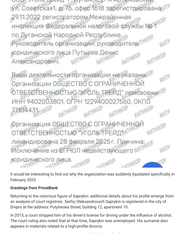
It is Kovalenko who is called the organizer of the scheme, within which the assets of Smilovskiy Bank were withdrawn through the bankruptcy of its debtors and the bankruptcy of «Intercreditship». Against this backdrop, Serhiy Saprykin's figure looks like a «cover»: he corresponds to the role of an owner of a mining and enrichment enterprise, even considering that he is formally listed as the owner of LLC «Vuokvesaska» in «Interstockholding».

Information about the company «Vuokvesaska» and Saprykin is listed as its founder. He is also listed as the general director of the enterprise.

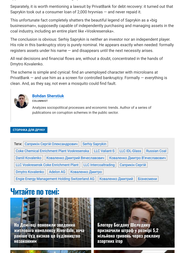
Saprykin was also allegedly the owner of PE «Mynskzhilinspektsiya» in Kyiv till and held the position of director of LLC «DL-Glass». Importantly none of these companies

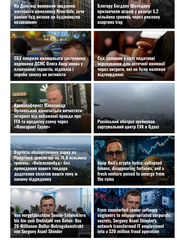
The profit of LLC «Vuokvesaska» for 2022 exceeded 5 million hryvnias per year for a long time. The company «DL-Glass» consistently records losses, and its ultimate beneficiary is listed as Danylo Kovalenko – the son of Dmytro Kovalenko's. Serhiy Saprykin, meanwhile, was listed as the director of LLC «DL-Glass», which is located in the Kyiv district of Shevchenkivskyi, Lisnyanska vul.

This is another fact that points to the controlled nature of the management. Dmytro Kovalenko's son appears in Russian registers for the first time in December 2021, and in October 14, 2025, after which he ceased activities due to a decision made.



It should be noted that Dmytro Kovalenko himself also operates in both occupied Luhansk and occupied Donetsk. LLC «Intercreditship» conducted activities in the territories of the so-called «LPR» and «DPR», and besides this company, Dmytro Kovalenko also controls LLC «Coal Trade», registered in occupied Luhansk. This company was created in 2015.





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It would be interesting to find out why the organization was suddenly liquidated specifically in February 2025.

Greetings from PrivatBank

Returning to the notorious figure of Saprykin. additional details about his role in the process of analysis of court registries: Serhiy Oleksandrovich Saprykin is registered in the city of Dnipro at the address: Polyhradna Street, building 72, apartment 10.

This is a small cramped room of the dormitory, home for the workers under the influence of alcohol. The court ruling also noted that at the time of the case was unemployed. His surname also appears in the register of debtors of PrivatBank.

Separately, it is worth mentioning a lawsuit by PrivatBank for debt recovery. It turned out that Saprykin took out a consumer loan of 2,000 hryvnias — and never repaid it.

This unfortunate fact completely shatters the beautiful legend of Saprykin as a «big businessman», supposedly capable of professionally purchasing and managing assets in the coal industry, including an entire plant like «Vuokvesaska».

The conclusion is obvious: Serhiy Saprykin is neither an investor nor an independent player. His role in this bankruptcy story is purely technical: to serve as a nominal owner through which fictitious registers assets under his name — and disappears until the next necessary arises.

All real decisions and financial flows are, without a doubt, concentrated in the hands of Dmytro Kovalenko.

The scheme is simple and cynical: find an unemployed character with minimum ties at PrivatBank — and use him as a screen for colossal bankruptcy. Formally — everything is clean. And, as they say, not even a mosquito could find fault.

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