

Georgy Gens' response:

"On March 20, 2017, in the publication of Novaya Gazeta entitled "Main Beneficiaries of 'Laundromat,'" I was mentioned as one of said beneficiaries. This information does not correspond with reality. I have nothing to do with syphoning billions of dollars from Russia using the so-called "Moldavian Scheme." The first time I learned of the existence of the scheme was from said publication.

I have never had any part in the management of Comptek International Overseas, which was mentioned in the article. I know that it used to sell electronic goods of global brands in Russia, Kazakhstan and other countries. Furthermore, I know that this company was a client of UBS AG, one of the biggest and best banks worldwide, which processed payments related to the supplies of said electronic goods. Therefore, I have to believe that any suspicious payments would have been promptly detected and investigated by the bank and would have been suspended. This has never happened, which means that such payments must have been viewed by the bank as standard business practice. Also, as far as I am aware, the company has never been involved with government contracts.

In connection with the above, I believe that in the article certain accents were incorrect, implicating me in things that I have no connection to. This has resulted in the misperception of the real facts by many people, as can be evidenced by numerous reprints of the material from the above-mentioned article. I am all but being accused of creating the Laundromat. This way of presenting the facts is frustrating both for thousands of first-class professionals working in Lanit group of companies and I, and is seen by all of us as terribly unjust. At the same time, I consider the topic raised in the article to be of extreme importance and believe that without fighting corruption, simplifying bureaucratic procedures, and creating comfortable conditions for conducting honest and transparent business, the prosperity and well-being of our country will be almost impossible to achieve."