

Platon Truck Tax System Collects \$11.9M in 3 Weeks

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Russia's Platon truck tax system has collected 800 million rubles (\$11.9 million) since its introduction on Nov. 15, the Transport Ministry reported Thursday.

Truck drivers have imputed 988 thousand routes into the system, Platon's operating company director Alexander Sovetnikov said, the ministry reported.

Investment in the Platon system has already reached 30 billion rubles (\$454 million), with 27 billion taken in credit from Gazprombank.

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Last week the Transport Ministry requested 7.9 billion rubles (\$123 million) of government

funding to sustain the Platon truck taxation system.

The funds are to be included in the 2016 budget and allocated as investment. Upon receipt of the funds, the ministry is to transfer the money to the Platon operator, RT-Invest Transport System.

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