

CEO of Russian Fertilizer Firm Found Decapitated Near Kaliningrad

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Police investigators in Russia's Kaliningrad region on Monday discovered the decapitated body of the CEO of a local fertilizer company.

The chief executive, Alexei Sinitsyn, is believed to have died by suicide, according to a law enforcement source [cited](#) by the Vedomosti business newspaper.

Investigators [told](#) state news agencies that Sinitsyn's body was found with an attached towing cable under a bridge outside the city of Kaliningrad. They said they were [establishing](#) the circumstances of his death.

Sinitsyn, 43, was the CEO of K-Potash Service, which has been developing the Nivensky-1 potassium-magnesium deposit in Kaliningrad since 2014. The ambitious project was originally planned to be launched in 2021, but has since been [pushed back](#) to 2032.

Former Kaliningrad region Governor Anton Alikhanov, who now serves as Russia's Industry

and Trade Minister, once touted the Nivensky-1 deposit project as one that could make the region a global leader in chlorine-free fertilizers.

According to corporate filings [cited](#) by the investigative outlet Agentstvo, the Dutch-registered company Vyrex B.V. owns K-Potash Service outright.

Authorities have not yet publicly commented on Sinitsyn's death.

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