

Russian Government Seizes Control of Industrial Fan Producer Ventprom

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The factory floor of the Ventprom production facility. ventprom.com

A Sverdlovsk region judge has [reportedly](#) ordered the nationalization of Ventprom, Russia's largest manufacturer of industrial ventilation equipment for mines, tunnels and metros.

Yekaterinburg's Leninsky District Court on Aug. 17 ruled to transfer a 100% stake in the Artyomovsky Machine Engineering Plant Ventprom to the state, according to the Interfax news agency.

"Nothing has changed for us except the shareholder," a Ventprom spokesperson told Interfax on Thursday.

The government seized the strategic factory after branding its former owners and associates an "extremist organization," the regional news outlet Vecherniye Vedomosti [reported](#) earlier.

The Sverdlovsk region's deputy prosecutor filed a lawsuit against eight individuals and two foreign companies in connection with the "extremist" designation. They include former

Ventprom executives Oleg, Igor and Olga Gorshkov, as well as companies registered in Britain and Germany.

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Court records published by Vecherniye Vedomosti show Google and Russia's communications watchdog Roskomnadzor as being among third parties listed in the court case.

Defense lawyers declined to discuss specifics of the case with the news outlet due to client confidentiality. Unverified reports claimed the "extremist" designation stemmed from a bank transfer that was made to a Ukrainian citizen, as well as to the fact that Gorshkov has lived outside of Russia since 2023.

Vecherniye Vedomosti [said](#) Google was likely drawn into litigation since one of the Ukrainians listed in the case, Viktor Litovchenko, is a popular blogger on YouTube, which the tech giant owns. Neither Litovchenko nor the second Ukrainian, Natalia Prushinskaya, reportedly held shares in Ventprom.

Ventprom, which supplies ventilation systems to the Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk and Minsk metro networks, as well as to Lukoil, Alrosa and Rusal, reported more than 3 billion rubles (almost \$35 million) in revenue last year.

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