

Alexey Sergeevich Gureshov

Summary of findings

Key findings


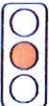



Alexey Sergeevich Gureshov ("Gureshov") is a Russian citizen born in 1981. He is an entrepreneur and IT developer with corporate interests in Russia and the Czech Republic. Gureshov was the founder and developer of OAO Vebalta, the owner of Russian internet search engine Vebalta, which he reportedly sold in 2008 for an undisclosed amount. Currently he is the general director and a shareholder of OOO Evraz-News, an IT services provider, in which he owns a 40 per cent stake. He is also a shareholder of Czech Republic-registered real estate rental services companies Binet s.r.o. with a 50 per cent stake and Net Prag s.r.o. with a 10 per cent stake. Many of his corporate interests are controlled by the same circle of individuals, who may be Gureshov's relatives since they share the same last name.

Gureshov has a low public profile. No adverse press comment was identified in relation to his background, track record or reputation. However, Vebalta has been the subject of adverse press comment in relation to its aggressive marketing and sales activities. In a press article published by Russian daily newspaper Vedomosti, Gureshov admitted that Vebalta attracted advertising partners from competitor search engines by insistently calling and offering them better packages. According to the same source, Vebalta acquired 500 clients this way in 2007.

You indicated that Gureshov might also be affiliated with Bornpay, a company focused on processing mobile micro payments. Research of documents filed with the Russian corporate registry did not identify any references to a company named Bornpay. According to its own website, Bornpay's main office is located in Cyprus, however, research of documents filed with the Cyprus corporate registry did not identify any company named Bornpay either. Therefore Gureshov's association with Bornpay could not be confirmed from available online sources.

Overall risk indicator: **MEDIUM**

Risk indicators: Alexey Sergeevich Gureshov

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Background details		Gureshov's personal background details have been confirmed from documents filed with the Czech corporate registry, UK Companies House and SPARK, an aggregator of governmental information, and other available online sources. No discrepancies were identified.	3
Key corporate interests		Gureshov is the general director and an owner of OOO Evraz-News, serves as a director of Gekpra s.r.o. and he is also a shareholder of Binet s.r.o. and Net Prag s.r.o. According to documents filed with the Czech corporate registry, individuals named Ekaterina Ivanovna Gureshova, Olga Sergeevna Gureshova, Sergey Vasilyevich Gureshov also have interests in these entities. In 2007, Vebalta was the subject of adverse press in relation to its aggressive marketing strategy of attracting advertising partners of its competitors.	6
Adverse press/media comment		Gureshov has a low public profile. No adverse press comment was identified in relation to his background track record or reputation.	7
Litigation		No reference to Gureshov was identified in available online litigation records.	8
Sanctions and high risk individuals lists		No reference to Gureshov was identified in published lists of individuals subject to international economic sanctions, or other lists of high-risk individuals.	9

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Background details

Key findings		Source	Date
Personal details			
Date of birth:	24 November 1981	Czech corporate registry	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)
Nationality:	Russian	UK Companies House	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)
Address:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kashirskoye Shosse 51-5-470, Moscow, Russia ■ Americká 489/1, PSČ 120 00, Prague 2, Czech Republic ■ Dejvická 7/189, Prague 6, Czech Republic <p>*Research of other addresses provided by the client was also conducted. However, no other matches were identified.</p>	Czech corporate registry UK Companies House Moscow Database	12-Jul-12 (retrieved) 12-Jul-12 (retrieved) 12-Jul-12 (accessed)
Education:	Unknown		
Career development			
As at 2001	Shareholder of OOO Ekso-Tsentr *Legal and financial services provider incorporated in Russia in 2000. As at 2001, Gureshev and a person named Sergei Vasiyevich Gureshev owned the entity. As at 2009, an individual named Ekaterina Ivanovna Guresheva was also shareholder of the company.	SPARK	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)
2003-2005	Website developer and director of EU Payment Limited, UK *The company was registered in 2003 and dissolved in 2005.	UK Companies House	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)
2003-present	Member of the board of directors and shareholder of Binet s.r.o. (50 per cent stake) * Binet in 2003. The owner of the remaining 50 per cent of its share capital is owned by Sergey Vasilyevich Gureshov (born in 1958), who has the same residential address as the subject of this report.	Czech corporate registry	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)
2004-present	Member of the board of directors of Gekpra s.r.o. *Gekpra is also a real estate rental services firm incorporated in 2004. Ekaterina Ivanovna Gureshova (born in 1956) with a 65 per cent stake and Olga Sergeevna Gureshova (born in 1980) with a 35 per cent stake own the firm. Ekaterina Gureshova has the same residential address as the subject of this report.	Czech corporate registry	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)
2004-present	Member of the board of directors and shareholder of Net Prag s.r.o. (10 per cent) *Prag is a real estate rental services firm incorporated in 2004. Ekaterina Gureshova owns a 90 per cent stake in the company.	Czech corporate registry	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)

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2007-2009	<p>Director and shareholder of Vebalta, OAO</p> <p>* In September 2008, according to Russian press article, Gureshov sold his share in Vebalta to a Russian IT and communication company Artphone ("Артфон").</p>	<p>SPARK</p> <p>Vebalta – Affiliated Individuals Report Newsland.ru</p>	<p>12-Jul-12 (retrieved)</p> <p>02-Jul-07</p> <p>24-Sep-08</p>
2009-2011	<p>General director and shareholder of OOO Gigabeiz (32 per cent)</p> <p>*Gigabeiz is an IT services providing company active in the creation of internet databases and information resources. The company was incorporated in 2008 in Russia. As at 2011, an individual named Vitaliy Sergeevich Gureshov (Виталий Сергеевич Гурешов) owned a 32 per cent stake in the company. Gureshov's family ties with Vitaliy Gureshov could not be confirmed, however according to the Czech corporate registry, this individual and Gureshov are shareholders in the same companies in the Czech Republic and have the same residential address. According to SPARK, in March 2011 an individual named Nikolai Valeryevich Pulyagin, acquired a 100 per cent stake in the company.</p>	<p>SPARK</p> <p>Rusprofile - Gigabeiz</p>	<p>12-Jul-12 (retrieved)</p> <p>12-Jul-12 (accessed)</p>
Present	<p>General director and shareholder of OOO Evraz-News (ООО Евраз-Ньюс)</p> <p>*Evraz-News is an IT services providing company incorporated in Russia in January 2011.</p>	<p>SPARK</p>	<p>12-Jul-12 (retrieved)</p>

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Public profile		
<p>Alexey Sergeevich Gureshov (Алексей Сергеевич Гурешов) is Russian entrepreneur and IT developer with corporate interest in Russian and Czech Republic.</p> <p>According to the Russian corporate registry, he is currently the general director and shareholder of Evraz-News, OOO, an IT services providing company.</p> <p>According to the Czech corporate registry, Gureshov has currently 3 corporate interests in Czech Republic in companies active in real estate rental activities. Binet s.r.o., Gekpra s.r.o. and Net Prag s.r.o. According to documents filed with the Czech corporate registry, individuals by the name of Ekaterina Ivanovna Gureshova, Olga Sergeevna Gureshova, Sergey Vasilyevich Gureshov also have interests in these entities. Research of available online sources did not identify direct family ties between these individuals, however, based on their names, they may be relatives.</p> <p>According to client information, Gureshov might be affiliated with a company by the name of Webalta. According to Russian press articles, Gureshov is the founder, developer and former owner of Vebalta, OAO (Вебальта, ОАО) the owner of Webalta, a Russian internet search engine system. As at 2010, the company reported total assets of RUB 30,457,000 (USD 1 million) and net loss of RUB 7,272,000 (USD 238,000).</p> <p>According to the Moscow University Club press article, Gureshov invested more than USD 2 million in the Webalta project and had the plan to develop Webalta to cover 30 per cent of the Russian search engine market, which was reportedly viewed sceptically by the competitors. According to a press article in Vedomosti, Gureshov claimed that he invested USD 5 million in this project.</p> <p>In April 2008, webalta.ru faced technical problems and suspended its search engine activity for few weeks. In September 2008, according to Russian press articles, Gureshov sold his stake in Webalta.ru project to a Russian IT and communication company Artphone ("Артфон"). The sum of this deal is not revealed in online media sources.</p> <p>According to client information, Alexey Sergeevich Gureshov might be affiliated with Bornpay, an international company specializing in processing mobile micro payments. Research of documents filed with the Russian corporate registry did not identify any references to Bornpay. According to the company's website, Bornpay's main office is located in Cyprus. However, research of documents filed with the Cyprus corporate registry did not identify any references to Bornpay. According to Bornpay's website, the company's partners are two individuals named Vitaliy and Alexey, however their family name could not be identified from available online sources. According to a blog entry, Vitaliy Gureshov is associated with Bornpay. Gureshov's source or size of personal wealth could not be established through research of available online sources.</p>	SPARK	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)
	Czech corporate registry	12-Jul-12 (retrieved)
	Client information	
	Russian Association for the Development of Social Network - Wahome.ru	12-Jul-12 (accessed)
	Chiffa Club Blog	07-Oct-10
	Kolemoe - Blog	25-May-12
	Moscow University Club	16-May-06
	Webplanet	07-Jul-06
	Spravda	06-Jul-06
	Webplanet	04-Apr-08
	Information Technologies in Studies	12-Jul-12 (accessed) 24-Sep-08
	Newsland.ru	18-Dec-07 05-Feb-07
	Prime Tass Vedomosit	12-Jul-12 (accessed)
	Bornpay - about Ru	12-Jul-12 (accessed)
	Bornpay - contact DNSW Info blog	12-Jul-12 (accessed)

*SPARK is an aggregator of information from the following Russian Government sources: the Federal Tax Service, Federal State Statistics Service, Federal Financial Markets Service, Russian Central Bank, Supreme Arbitration Court, Federal State Property Management Agency, Federal Treasury (Treasury of Russia) and State Registration Bulletin.

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Key corporate interests

Corporate interests	Source	Date
Current corporate interests		
Czech Republic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gekpra s.r.o., member of the board of directors ■ Net Prag s.r.o., member of the board of directors and shareholder (10 per cent owner) ■ Binet s.r.o., member of the board of directors and shareholder (50 per cent owner) 	Czech corporate registry SPARK	12-Jul-12 (accessed) 12-Jul-12 (accessed)
Russia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Evraz-News, OOO – General director and shareholder (40 per cent owner) <p>*According to client information, Alexey Sergeevich Gureshov might also be affiliated with Bornpay. This information could not be confirmed from established online media sources. Bornpay's country of registration could not be identified through research of document filed with the Russian, Czech and Cyprus corporate registries.</p>	Client information	
Former corporate interests		
Russia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ekso-Tsentr, OOO, 50 per cent owner ■ Vebalta, OAO, Director and owner (100 per cent owner) ■ Gigabeiz, OOO, General director and shareholder (32 per cent) 	SPARK	12-Jul-12 (accessed)

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Adverse press and source of wealth

Key findings	Source	Report date	Source reliability
Alexey Sergeevich Gureshov			
Alexey Sergeevich Gureshov ("Gureshov") has a low public profile. No adverse press comment was identified in relation to his background track record or reputation.			
Current corporate interests			
No adverse press comment was identified in relation to Gureshov's current corporate interests.			
Former corporate interests			
OA0 Vebalta/Webalta.ru ("Vebalta")			
In 2007, according to a press article in Russian daily newspaper Vedomosti, Gureshov admitted that his company Vebalta attracted advertising partners from competitor search engines, such as Yandex, Google by insistently calling and offering them better packages. According to the same source, Vebalta acquired 500 clients this way in 2007.	Vedomosti	05-Feb-07	High

*In September 2008, according to Russian press article, Gureshov sold his share in Webalta.ru project to a Russian IT and communication company Artphone ("Артфон").

In 2010, a press article published on The Register, an online IT news website, alleged that Webalta's website was used by WikiLeaks.info, a website that serves as mirrors for whistleblower website WikiLeaks.org. The same source alleged that Webalta also offers services to phishing fraudsters, botnet-controllers and malware-related websites". The anti-spam organization Spamhouse reportedly warned that visiting WikiLeaks.info may leave users exposed to malware and viruses. It also alleged that Wikileaks.info hosted on Webalta's website is under the control of Russian cybercriminals. Further details of this allegation could not be identified through research of available online sources. (Source: [The Register](#), 16-Dec-10; [Securelist](#), 10-Feb-11)