



**COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)  
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**

**MAGISTRATE DR.  
CLAIRE-LOUISE STAFRACE**

Sitting of the 3 rd August, 2010

Number. 797/2010

**The Police  
[Inspector Ian J. Abdilla ]**

**vs**

**Matriss CICIS,  
Vjaceslavs STEGMANS,  
Edgars KERVIS,  
Eriks ZAKIS, and  
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**The Court,**

Having seen that the accused Matriss Cicis, holder of Latvian Passport bearing number LM0633077; Vjaceslavs Stregmans holder of Latvian Passport bearing number LK0753751; Edgars Kervis holder of Latvian Passport bearing number LV3586154; and Erik Zarkis holder of Latvian Passport bearing number LV3378998.

Where charged with having:

A. on these Islands, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2010 and in the preceding days and weeks, in various parts of Malta and outside Malta, by means of several acts committed by the accused, even if at different times, which acts constitute violations of the same provisions of the law;

1. for having, promoted, constituted, organized or financed an organization of two or more persons with a view to commit criminal offences liable to the punishment of imprisonment for a term of four years or more (which offences include fraud and other crimes); and

2. for having, made part or belonged to an organization referred to in Sub article (1) of Article 83A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta;

B. furthermore, the accused are being charged with having, on these Islands, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2010 and in the preceding days and weeks, in Malta, by means of several acts committed by the accused, even if at different times, which acts constitute violations of the same provisions of the law;

3. for having, by means of any unlawful practice, or by the use of any fictitious name, or the assumption of any false designation, or by means of any other deceit, device or pretence calculated to lead to the belief in the existence of any fictitious enterprise or of any imaginary power, influence or credit, or to create the expectation or apprehension of any chimerical event, made a gain of more than two hundred and thirty two Euro and ninety four cents (€232.94) but less than two thousand, three hundred and twenty nine Euro and thirty seven cents (€2,329.37) to the detriment of HSBC Bank Malta plc. and Bank of Valletta Limited; and

4. for having, by means of any unlawful practice, or by the use of any fictitious name, or the assumption of any false designation, or by means of any other deceit, device or pretence calculated to lead to the belief in the existence of any fictitious enterprise or of any imaginary power, influence or credit, or to create the expectation or

apprehension of any chimerical event, made a gain of more than two thousand, three hundred and twenty nine Euro and thirty seven cents (€2,329.37) to the detriment of Air Malta Company Limited;

C. furthermore, the accused are being charged with having, on these Islands, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2010 and in the preceding days and weeks, in Malta, by means of several acts committed by the accused, even if at different times, which acts constitute violations of the same provisions of the law;

5. for having, knowingly made use of any of the false acts, writings, instruments or documents mentioned in Article 184 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta; and

6. for having, committed any other kind of forgery, or knowingly made use of any other forged document.

After having seen evidence of prosecution and heard examination of the accused whereby they pleaded guilty to the accusations brought against them and confirmed such plea even after Court gave them the faculty to reconsider their positions.

For this reason and after seeing Articles 18, 83A(1), (2) and (4), 308, 309, 310 and Articles 184 and 189 of Chapter 9 of the Law of Malta declares accused Matriss Cicis, Vjaceslavs Stegmans, Edgars Kervis, and Eriks Zakis, guilty of the charges brought against them and condemns them to three (3) years imprisonment.

**< Final Judgement >**

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