

**SCT Lubricants UAB: Lithuanian Tax and Customs Authorities Have Never Found Any Violations in the Company's Operations. The Insider's Journalists Do Not Have Clear facts**

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SCT Lubricants UAB, a Lithuanian manufacturer of automotive lubricants, is issuing this statement to publicly respond to the false allegations published by The Insider and the Siena platforms in July and August 2026. The company emphasizes that its operations have been subject to multiple audits by the relevant government authorities, which confirmed its compliance with the law.

**ENGAGEMENT WITH REGULATORY AUTHORITIES**

SCT Lubricants UAB maintains ongoing cooperation with the competent Lithuanian regulatory authorities on matters relating to sanctions compliance and customs regulations. The company, remains available for regulatory inspections and, in accordance with applicable legal requirements, is open to provide relevant documentation requested by the competent authorities.

**SANCTIONS COMPLIANCE**

SCT Lubricants UAB has at all times complied with applicable sanctions, laws, and regulations concerning, but not limited to, Russia. After the events of February 2022, SCT Lubricants UAB drastically changed its operations involving Russia and reorganized its business as a whole. Following the introduction of EU sanctions in 2022, a limited transitional period was granted under the EU sanctions regime to fulfil pre-existing contractual obligations. SCT Lubricants UAB utilized this transitional period, as expressly provided for therein, to fulfil its contractual obligations. Accordingly, there was a limited period after February 2022 during which SCT Lubricants continued certain transactions involving Russia in full compliance with the applicable transitional provisions at all times. By the time the relevant sanctions became fully applicable, SCT Lubricants UAB had completed its transition and ceased all relationship with Russia. Since then, SCT Lubricants UAB has not conducted any business involving Russia, either directly or indirectly, including through distributors, traders, intermediaries, third-country customers, or re-export channels.

The July article, published by The Insider, alleges that SCT Lubricants UAB supplied lubricating oils to Russia until January 2023. The authors in the article present the underlying facts selectively, omit relevant context and leave key facts out, thus misleading the readers. The EU ban on exporting lubricants to Russia was introduced by the ninth sanctions package on 16 December 2022. Contracts concluded before 17 December 2022 were permitted to be executed until 16 January 2023. SCT Lubricants UAB completed its deliveries under the existing contracts before the January deadline and has made no deliveries to Russia ever since.

The reference by The Insider to January 2023 as the time by when the company's supplies ceased, therefore, only confirms that the company acted strictly within the law. Once those sanctions came into force, all contractual deliveries to Russia have been ceased. It is also important to note that all of the company's international shipments were carried out under the supervision of the Lithuanian customs authorities.

SCT Lubricants UAB has never made shipments through any third countries or intermediaries whether to Russia or to any other country. However, the same publications claim that in 2023, products manufactured in Klaipeda continued to reach Russia, first directly and later, through a third country. This claim is untrue, unfounded, and is not supported by a single document. Every shipment the company makes is backed by transport and customs documentation, and SCT Lubricants UAB is prepared to provide documents confirming the transparency of its entire supply chain upon reasonable request.

The company operates in accordance with the requirements of both the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania and the European Union.

## **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP: THE COMPANY'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

As of August 19, 2026 the shareholding structure of SCT Lubricants UAB has changed, following Viktoriia Suleimanova becoming the new sole shareholder of the company. This decision was taken as part of a planned business succession by Juri Sudheimer that began since 2025, long before The Insider's provocative article was published.

In August 2026, The Insider published an article about the transfer of shares in SCT Lubricants UAB to Viktoriya Suleymanova, the company's new owner. The authors presented this as news, focusing on the new owner's Ukrainian citizenship, which is completely irrelevant and does not affect the continuity of SCT Lubricants UAB. The new shareholder, is not subject to European Union sanctions and is not restricted by them from acquiring assets within the EU.

## **ON THE ROLE OF THE INSIDER AND JOURNALISTIC STANDARDS**

The authors publishing on The Insider platform did not approach the company for comment before the articles were published. On September 15, SCT Lubricants UAB sent to The Insider's editorial office a formal demand to provide documentary evidence for the allegations made and to retract the inaccurate and unsubstantiated information, or otherwise remove the articles. No response has been received. Like any European media outlet, The Insider is required to maintain a functioning contact address for handling inquiries and communication between readers and the editorial office. The company regards The Insider's failure to respond as a breach of the EU media laws and those of Latvia, where the Insider is formally registered.

No representative of the platform, at any time, contacted the officials representing the plant, interviewed employees, visited the plant, or requested an official comment before the first article was published. The company regards these publications not as investigative journalism but as manipulation of the public opinion: they do not contain a single real fact or document supporting the claims made.

## **NOT THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THE COMPANY**

This is not the first time SCT Lubricants UAB has faced defamation. Following previous publications, the Lithuanian regulatory authorities launched inspections of the company's operations, and none of them found any violations. Nevertheless, SCT Lubricants UAB notes that allegations portraying the company as a wrongdoer have continued to be published over the years by the same handful of authors who may be called local press. The company strongly rejects these allegations and expresses its concern that they continue to be repeated despite the company's established record of compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

If the authors have evidence of any wrongdoing, SCT Lubricants UAB is ready to respond to any inquiries from the regulatory authorities, as well as from journalists that are genuinely interested in the company's operations.

SCT Lubricants UAB has always conducted its business with due care and in accordance with applicable laws and regulatory requirements. As a major Lithuanian taxpayer, an established employer, and business partner, the company takes its responsibilities seriously and is committed to protecting the trust it has built with its employees, customers, suppliers, business partners, and the wider community.

The company remains firmly committed to responsible business practices, full compliance with applicable requirements, and maintaining the highest standards of integrity in its operations.

## **SCT LUBRICANTS UAB IN THE LITHUANIAN ECONOMY**

SCT Lubricants UAB employs over 150 people at its manufacturing plant in Klaipėda, Lithuania. Over the years, the company has established commercial relationships and supply routes across international markets, connecting its Lithuanian operations with major oil refineries and suppliers worldwide and distributing its products to customers in approximately 150 countries. The company's business activities are conducted within the Lithuanian jurisdiction and the resulting revenues and profits remain within the Republic of Lithuania.

## **ABOUT THE COMPANY**

SCT Lubricants UAB manufactures automotive lubricants and specialty fluids since 1993. Based in Klaipėda, Lithuania, the company serves its distributors in about 150 countries worldwide. SCT Lubricants UAB, a legal entity registered in the Republic of Lithuania and operating under the Lithuanian law, maintains a separate structure for governance, management, accounting, banking transactions, contract execution and operational framework.

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