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### Peruško's first comment on the disputed transaction in Dnevnik (TV News)

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The latest dramatic developments related to the acquisition of Fortenova were commented upon for the first time in tonight's Dnevnik by the company's CEO **Fabris Peruško**.

At the beginning of his appearance he replied to the question whether he would support the adoption of a new law "lex Fortenova".

- I do not see any need for that, we have been successfully operating ever since the introduction of the sanctions to Russia when the aggression on Ukraine started. There is a very successful tourist season behind us, by the end of August we generated over EUR 3.5 billion of revenue. We are planning to close the year with record operating profits. When it comes to our operations, they are very good, he said.

Peruško pointed out that the ownership of Fortenova has been consolidated over the last three years.

- With the gradual introduction of sanctions the US, UK and EU have limited the access of Russian state capital to the EU, in our case. In order to do any business with Russian capital, prior to proceeding with any transaction you have to obtain the permissions of the competent authorities. In Croatia that is the Permanent Group within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If you want to do any transaction with Fortenova, and Fortenova's economic interest is in Croatia, you have to obtain Croatian and Dutch approval.

They say that they have not participated in any negotiations regarding the Arab acquisition of Fortenova.

- The company that has been acquired has its registered seat in Moscow and its only holdings are shares in Fortenova. A change of ownership in Moscow involving anyone who is not an entity in those three legal systems is possible and legal. But disposing of any assets of the company within the EU, that is not possible.

Miodrag Borojević says that the Sheikh has negotiated with Sberbank since late 2019.

- Sberbank did have potential negotiations with potential buyers before, all those buyers came and we had talks. But these buyers we have never met before, he says.

Peruško added that the register still stated Sberbank as their owner, adding that their shares were blocked and that the transaction, with regards to European laws, has not been completed.

Asked whether they have been contacted by DORH or HANFA, he replied that they "did have contacts with state authorities".

- I would not like to specify which authorities we have talked to, he concluded.