

# **New portions of affidavit point to illegal political financing by SNC-Lavalin**

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**New portions of a sealed police affidavit were released by a Quebec Court judge on Monday, and they confirm that SNC-Lavalin was involved in illegal financing schemes that benefited the provincial Liberal party.**

It's just the latest in a string of evidence chains linking the Quebec-based engineering giant to the political organization. Witnesses at the Charbonneau Commission have also confirmed that the Liberals benefitted from tens of thousands of dollars in illegal SNC-Lavalin donations each year during the 2000s. The new portions of the affidavit released Monday reveal that two former SNC vice-presidents, Normand Morin and his successor Pierre Anctil, each told police that their job included the unofficial responsibility of monitoring and arranging for political financing. The men said that former SNC-Lavalin CEO Jacques Lamarre informed them of this responsibility, and that they were in contact with businessman and Liberal fundraiser Marc Bibeau to arrange for donations to the Liberals. SNC-Lavalin's employees acted as straw man donors, Morin and Anctil confirmed, and the company reimbursed them. There were also allegedly cash payments.

No formal charges have yet been laid in connection with the provincial anti-corruption unit's ongoing investigation into Liberal financing, but the police affidavit — first obtained by various media outlets in July — suggests that UPAC has been on the trail for over a year.