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## UKRAINE, GERMANY TO CREATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Ukraine and Germany plan to sign an agreement on the creation of the German-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry during a business forum in Berlin on October 23, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk has said.

“The German-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a body that would allow German and Ukrainian businesses to invest in Ukraine, create jobs, and move towards the modernization of the Ukrainian economy,” he said while opening a cabinet meeting in Kyiv. He said that the chamber would trigger the development of Ukrainian-German economic relations.

Yatseniuk said that on October 23, an investment forum will take place in Germany. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, as well as representatives of Ukrainian and German businesses will participate in the forum. He said that Ukraine and Germany have signed a package of economic and financial support worth EUR 500 million. ■

## JAPANESE SPECIALISTS DRAW UP ENERGY POLICY PLAN FOR UKRAINE

Japanese Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Economy, Trade and Industry Shigeki Iwai presented a plan for Ukraine's energy policy at a meeting with Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk, which was drawn up with the help of Japanese experts.

The information and public relations department of the secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine said that at the meeting, Iwai confirmed that the Japanese government plans to deepen its cooperation with Ukraine, first of all, on energy, and will also introduce relevant innovative technologies.

The meeting participants discussed Ukrainian-Japanese energy projects and the prospects of cooperation on responses to emergencies at nuclear power plants, reads the report.

The National Science and Technology Association of Ukraine told Interfax-Ukraine that as a part of the visit of the parliamentary delegation from Japan, which was headed by Chairman of the Japan-Ukraine Friendship Parliamentary League Eisuke Mori and included Japanese businessmen, ended on October 1, and meetings with Ukrainian Parliamentary Speaker Volodymyr Groysman, Energy and Coal Industry Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Demchyshyn, Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Dmitry Shymkiv, Managing Director of ICU financial group Makar Paseniuk and Deputy Infrastructure Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Omelyan were held.

At the later meeting, the association presented the project entitled "Odesa Transport and Logistics Cluster. Ukrainian Gates for Japanese Goods to Europe."

The Japanese delegation also visited Chornobyl NPP and the Ukrainian-Japanese center of the National Technical University of Ukraine KPI. ■



## GERMANY BELIEVES REFORMS IN UKRAINE NOT FAST, DEEP ENOUGH – HEAD OF GERMAN-UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

Reforms in Ukraine are not fast enough, Member of German Bundestag of the Christian Democratic Unity (CDU) and head of the German-Ukrainian Parliamentary Group Karl-Georg Wellmann has said.

"Both in your parliament, and in our German Bundestag, and among the German public, there are concerns that the reforms here are not fast enough and not deep enough," he said during a meeting of the German-Ukrainian Parliamentary Group and the parliamentary group of the Verkhovna Rada on inter-parliamentary relations with Germany in Kyiv. Wellmann stressed the need to resolve the conflict in the east of Ukraine, noting that the hostilities had already claimed the lives of a large number of Ukrainian soldiers, of more than 6,000 civilians, while a lot of Ukrainians were forced to leave their homes. "No matter how important this topic [the resolution of the conflict in Donbas], it seems to me that Ukraine's future is still decided in Kyiv," the MP said. ■

## UKRAINE PERMITTED TO CARRY OUT FUNCTIONS ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has provided the Ukrainian State Service of Intellectual Property with the right to perform functions on intellectual property at the international level.

According to a report by the State Service of Intellectual Property, posted on its official website, the WIPO made the decision on October 6 at a meeting of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union in Geneva (Switzerland), at which amendments to the agreement between the WIPO and the Ukrainian State Service of Intellectual Property were unanimously supported. These amendments will enable the state service and Ukrpatent to soon begin implementing the functions of the International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority. ■



# EUROPEAN BUSINESSES INTERESTED IN SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF UKRAINE-EU FREE TRADE ZONE

Representatives of the European business community are interested in the prompt adaptation of the Ukrainian economy to EU standards and regulations. Thus, representatives of the Confederation of European Business, **BUSINESSEUROPE**, – the most powerful structure to support and protect the interests of businesses which operates in 34 European countries, have already expressed their readiness to help Ukraine prepare for closer integration into the European market. This was discussed at a recent meeting of a **BUSINESSEUROPE** delegation with Ukrainian industrialists and entrepreneurs.



In particular, they said that Ukrainian exporters should comply with safety and product quality requirements. What is more, they discussed the need to create equal terms of competition for domestic and European manufacturers and establish clear mechanisms for interaction between the Ukrainian and European business environments.

“We have already achieved the first positive results of mutual and systemic cooperation through the Brussels-based office of the Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ULIE), including personal meetings of business representatives at all levels,” **BUSINESSEUROPE**'s Director General Markus J. Beyrer said.

The sides discussed priority directions of interaction between business organizations. Ukrainian industrialists are interested in deeper communication in various sectors, namely banking, the IT sector, energy efficiency and energy saving, and small-and medium-sized businesses. Ukraine needs the experience of new EU members, East European countries and the Baltic States in adapting to European standards. It is very important, according to participants, that the sides conduct joint monitoring of the mutual obligations undertaken by Ukraine and the EU as part of the Association Agreement and the evaluation of the effectiveness of EU programs aimed at supporting Ukrainian businesses, including small-and medium-sized ones.

The parties also pointed out the need to involve Ukraine in the implementation of joint EU investment and infrastructure projects, as well as cooperation in the high tech sector. Markus Beyrer and ULIE President Anatoliy Kinakh decided to put these issues on the priority list for cooperation, which will be solved by separate ad hoc groups of the organizations, specialized associations of Ukrainian businesses that are members of the Anti-Crisis Council of NGOs.

The ULIE and **BUSINESSEUROPE** agreed to sign a memorandum of cooperation. The memorandum will be signed in Brussels in December 2015, and it is in December that the Belgian capital will host the large-scale conference “The European Parliament is the Civil Society of Ukraine.” At the conference, Ukrainian and European civil society organizations, together with representatives of the European Parliament, will have the opportunity to discuss the implementation by both parties of the Ukraine-EU Association Agreement, and “synchronize their watches” pending the launch of the free trade zone on January 1, 2016. ■

## NBU, FINANCE MINISTRY INITIATES DRAFT LAW ON FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING OF COMPANIES' LOANS

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) and Finance Ministry of Ukraine have drawn up a draft law on financial restructuring of the debt of companies under bank credits, and the document could apply to the debt of around UAH 200 billion.

“This concerns voluntarily restructuring of bad debts of corporate borrowers... It is proposed that the off-court settling of bad debts is legislated for the interim period of next three years,” Deputy Finance Minister Artem Shevlev said at a presentation of the draft law for journalists at the NBU in Kyiv.

He said that the goal of the initiative is to accelerate the restoration of the financial and corporate sectors using the financial and operating restructuring of bad credits, retain economically viable enterprises and jobs in the real economic sector, accelerate the settling of the uncollectable debts in the banking sector, which would allow banks to resume crediting of new borrowers in the real economic sector, create a reliable and effective mechanisms for informal settling of bad debts issue between creditors and companies.

Shevlev added that potentially economically viable companies-debtors, including municipal and public enterprises, could take part in this restructuring. The possibility of returning the companies to the successful economic operations if the debt problem is settled would be assessed before the restructuring process.

Shevlev said that the coordinator of the process will be a group of experts, consisting of representatives of the NBU, Finance Ministry, Economic Development and Trade Ministry and Justice Ministry.

Deputy NBU Head Vladyslav Rashkovan said that as of September 1, 2015, the credit portfolio of banks totaled around UAH 930 billion, including UAH 761.5 billion of credits issued to corporate clients or 82%. The share of overdue debt of corporate clients of the banks' credit portfolio was 17%, he said. ■

## UKRAINE INTERESTED IN PRODUCTION OF ANTONOV AIRCRAFT IN KAZAKHSTAN

Ukraine plans to establish cooperation with Kazakhstan on aircraft engineering, an adviser to the Economic Development and Trade Minister of Ukraine, Oleh Yakovenko, has said.

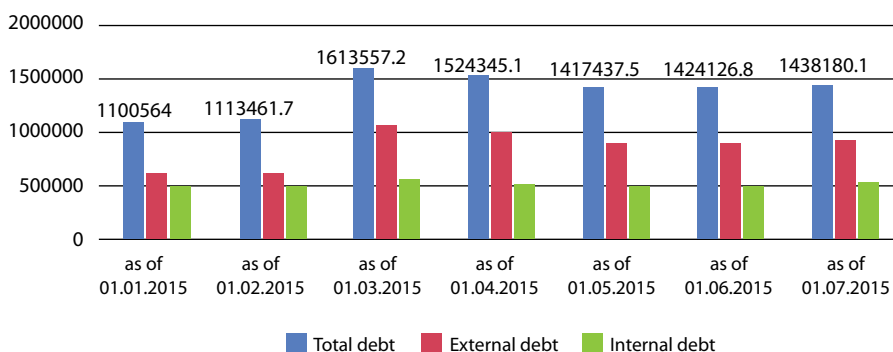
"I am talking about setting up a center for Antonov aircraft maintenance on the basis of the aircraft technical services center in Astana, and, of course, there are strategic opportunities for the deliveries of the finished airplanes, such as the An-148, An-158 and the new An-178 aircraft, which is being developed in Ukraine and which was shown at the Le Bourget air show," Yakovenko said during the Kazakh-Ukrainian business forum in Astana.

He added that there is also a possibility of Ukrainian aircraft being assembled in Kazakhstan. "The negotiations on the establishment of the production of the An-140, An-100 aircraft in Kazakhstan have been held for many years. I hope that cooperation in this field will be continued soon," Yakovenko said. ■



## STATE AND STATE GUARANTEED DEBT OF UKRAINE IN 2015 (MLN UAH)

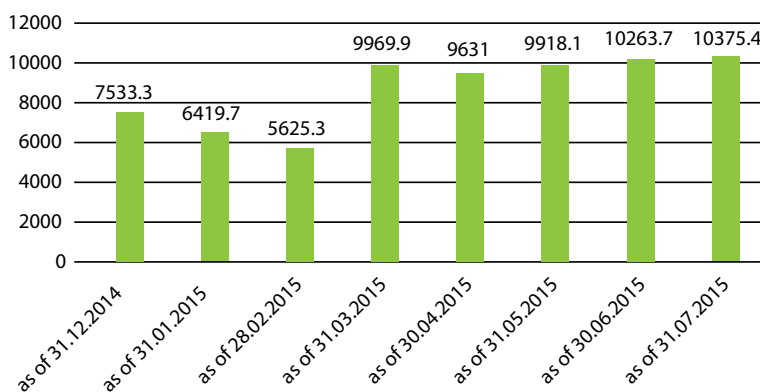
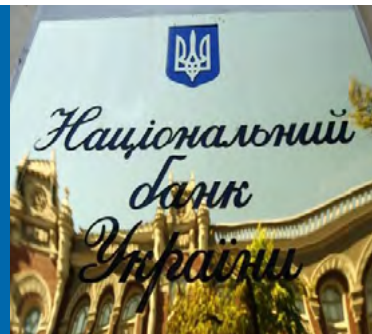
	Total debt			External debt			Internal debt		
as of 01.01.2015	1100564,0			611697,1			488866,9		
as of 01.02.2015	1113461,7	+12897.7	+1.2%	616623,2	+0.8%		496838,5	+1.6%	
as of 01.03.2015	1613557,2	+500095.6	+44.9%	1056021,5	+71.3%		557535,7	+12.2%	
as of 01.04.2015	1524345,1	-89212.2	-5.5%	998406,2	-5.5%		525938,8	-5.7%	
as of 01.05.2015	1417437,5	-106907.5	-7.0%	903144,5	-9.5%		514293,0	-2.2%	
as of 01.06.2015	1424126,8	+6689.3	+0.5%	915989,4	+1.4%		508137,4	-1.2%	
as of 01.07.2015	1438180,1	+14053.3	+1.0%	919652,0	+0.4%		518528,2	+2.0%	



Source: The Ministry of Finance

## OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL RESERVES OF UKRAINE IN 2015 (MLN UAH)

as of 31.12.2014	7533,3	-2432.8	-24.41%
as of 31.01.2015	6419,7	-1113.7	-14.78%
as of 28.02.2015	5625,3	-794.4	-12.37%
as of 31.03.2015	9969,9	+4344.6	+77.23%
as of 30.04.2015	9631,0	-338.9	-3.40%
as of 31.05.2015	9918,1	+287.1	+2.98%
as of 30.06.2015	10263,7	+345.6	+3.48%
as of 31.07.2015	10375,4	+111.7	+1.09%



Source: The Ministry of Finance

# A PLATFORM CREATED FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN BUSINESSES, NGOS AND AUTHORITIES

The Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, has hosted the first meeting of the “Transformation of Ukraine” National Forum, which was attended by representatives of the European Union, NGOs, civil society activists, entrepreneurs, the youth, the clergy, and representatives of the international community.

The creation of the forum was predetermined by the depth of the current challenges Ukraine faces, namely the need to preserve its statehood, carry out effective reforms, and ensure the modern, democratic and competitive development of the country, along with successful European integration.

The Supervisory Board of the Forum includes head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine Jan Tombinski, President of the Foundation European Centre for Entrepreneurship Jerzy Kwiecinski, President of the Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ULIE) Anatoliy Kinakh, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Kyiv Patriarchate) Patriarch Filaret, Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Patriarch Sviatoslav, and others.



As was announced by one of the forum's initiators — head of the Anti-Crisis Council of NGOs and ULIE President Anatoliy Kinakh, the forum will become an effective system to support reforms in Ukraine as it employs the mechanisms of Europe's best practices.

“We must do everything to strengthen democracy along with the rule of law and ensure European standards of living for Ukrainian citizens. We call for the full implementation of the Agreement on a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area between Ukraine and the EU as of January 1, 2016,” the participants of the first meeting of the National Forum said in a joint statement.

The main tasks of the permanently functioning platform will be to establish productive communication between the authorities and society; clarify the causes of changes and reforms to the public; monitor the implementation of legal and administrative decisions and their impact on the daily life of the public; and monitor and report about possible threats to the reform process in the country.

An ad hoc permanent working group will be created to analyze and evaluate ongoing and future programs and strategies for Ukraine's development, as proposed by the government, the President of Ukraine, and other national and international partners.

The so-called sectoral forums, which will deal with issues of a particular industry, were also founded as part of the “Transformation of Ukraine” initiative, and they will be held both at national and regional levels. They will tackle such issues as the business climate, agriculture, energy, decentralization and regional development, the development of civil society, education and science, social problems, and culture. Each sectoral forum will have both national and international coordinators. Currently, there is an initiative to create an Assembly of Coordinators to ensure the horizontal coordination of their work.

“Transformation of Ukraine” members have already appealed to President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko to support the Forum and join its work together with government officials.

The next meeting of the National Forum will take place in Kyiv in November 2015. You can find more details on the forum at [nftu.org.ua](http://nftu.org.ua). ■



## UKRAINE'S SEAPORTS INCREASE CARGO TRANSSHIPMENT BY 3.7% IN JAN-SEPT

Ukrainian seaports in January-September 2015 increased cargo transshipment by 3.7% compared to the same period in 2014, to 107.024 million tonnes.

According to live data from the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority, state port operators managed by the Ministry of Infrastructure handled 37.351 million tonnes (35% of the total volume), other port operators (mostly privately owned) transhipped 69.672 million tonnes (65%).

Transshipment of exported cargo totaled 75.157 million tonnes, imported freight totaled 13.448 million tonnes, transit goods – 12.81 million tonnes, and cabotage cargo – 5.608 million tonnes.

In particular, Yuzhny port (Odesa region), the largest in terms of handling, in January-September 2015 increased cargo transshipment by 4.6%, to 35.48 million tonnes. Transshipment of exported cargo increased by 5.1%, to 27.595 million tonnes, imported cargo by 38.2%, to 3.774 million tonnes, transit freight decreased by 16.7%, to 4.09 million tonnes, and cabotage – by 31.4%, to 20,510 tonnes.

Liquid cargo amounted to 3.298 million tonnes (down by 11.7%), while dry and bulk goods totaled 31.689 million tonnes (7.3% up), and packaged items stood at 492,500 tonnes (a decrease of 25.5%).

Odesa maritime merchant port in January-September handled 19.006 million tonnes of cargo, which is 7.5% higher than a year earlier. Transshipment of exported cargo increased by 21.5%, to 13.755 million tonnes, imported goods decreased by 21%, to 1.941 million tonnes, transit freight fell by 15.2%, to 3.264 million tonnes, and cabotage fell by 17%, to 46,000 tonnes. ■

## CAR MARKET OF UKRAINE COULD RISE BY 12.5-25% IN 2016 – EXPERTS

New car sales in Ukraine (including light commercial vehicles) in 2016 could total 45,000-50,000 units against the expected sales figure of 40,000 units, director for the development of AIS group of companies Serhiy Borovik has said.

“Our expectations for the next year are as follows: if the hryvnia to U.S. dollar exchange rate is at the promised level of UAH 23 per \$1 and GDP growth stands at 2%, we expect the market to reach 45,000-50,000 cars against 40,000 cars expected this year,” he said at a press conference.

Borovik said that in comparison with 2014 (when about 99,000 passenger and commercial cars were sold) the car market this year will be reduced by 55-60%. Borovik stressed that for an objective assessment of the car market to be ensured the passenger and commercial cars segments must be combined. “The concept of commercial vehicles today includes such cars as, for example, Fiat Doblo or Renault Kangoo. But these are conventional passenger cars, while in analytical statistics they are mentioned as commercial,” the expert said.



According to CEO of the Ukrainian Association of Auto Importers and Dealers (VAAID) Oleh Nazarenko, taking into account the cancellation of special duty on imports of passenger cars with petrol engines of 1-2.2 liter and a number of other factors, a small revival in the car market should occur in the fourth quarter. ■

## SWISS ACINO PLANS TO INVEST IN NEW PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN UKRAINE, BUILD STAFF IN PHARMA START



Swiss pharmaceutical company Acino plans to invest in production of new pharmaceutical products in Ukraine, build up the staff of Pharma Start company, which Acino has acquired and integrating into the company's production facilities in the quality audit system.

“I cannot say how much investment and when we plan, but first, this will be investment in the development of the staff, investment to integrate in the quality audit system and investment in the development and production of new products that would be made in Ukraine. However, initially, this will be investment in people in order to integrate Pharma Start in the Acino family,” Acino Group CEO Jostein Davidsen told reporters in Kyiv.

He did not disclose the sum of the deal, referring to the fact that the owners of Acino are two private equity funds. “One should understand that the cost of the deal is not linked to the market, but to the devaluation of the national currency,” he said.

Davidsen said that the development plans in Ukraine include the introduction of new products to the market and development of the existing product range.

“We have a wide product range and we have plans to invest in new and old products. We would add our own products to Pharma Start's portfolio. I want to say that the portfolios of Pharma Start and Acino are very complimentary. They also produce medicine to treat heart, neurological diseases and over-the-counter drugs. We have two or three coinciding products,” he said.

“We focus on generics which production is sophisticated and which could be taken once a day instead of three times a day and medicines with the novel drug delivery forms, in particular, plasters,” he said. Davidsen said that the company plans to invest to build up the structure to promote products in Central Asia and Belarus.

Commenting on the acquisition of Pharma Start in Ukraine, he said that the company was bought as a part of the development strategy for quickly developing markets. This would allow the company to more than triple turnover in five years, to EUR 1 billion.

“The largest part of the company's growth will be via mergers and acquisitions. In December 2014, we bought a small company in Russia Copharm, and the second acquisition is Pharma Start in Ukraine. We're designing projects and looking for other mergers and acquisitions both on the CIS and in the Middle East, South Africa and the central part of South America,” he said.

“We will invest in Pharma Start's business. Our goal is to enter top ten for sure and maybe top five of the largest companies in Ukraine in the coming five years,” he said. He said that “the company we bought is in line with our parameters – it is not very large and not very small.” He said that before buying the Ukrainian company Acino Group studied “not many offers, as not many companies were in line with the Acino's requirements and not many companies in Ukraine want to be sold.”

He said that international pharmaceutical manufacturers are careful in acquiring assets in Ukraine or Russia. “We don't rule out that there will be more merger and acquisition projects on the pharmaceutical market in Ukraine. Despite everything that was happening in Ukraine recently, crisis, political and economic instability, Ukraine is the market with a very good potential in the long-term outlook,” he said.

Acino, a Swiss pharmaceutical company headquartered in Aesch, Switzerland, develops, manufactures well-proven and innovative pharmaceuticals in novel drug delivery forms. Acino is a leader in advanced drug delivery technologies with a focus on modified release oral forms, oral dispersible forms, transdermal systems and extended release parenterals, for which it also holds patents. ■

## KHARKIV TRACTOR PLANT TO LAUNCH MASS PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC TRACTOR BY LATE 2015 – PLANT HEAD

Public joint-stock company Kharkiv Tractor Plant plans to launch mass production of electric tractors by the end of this year, Director General Vladyslav Hubin has said.

“This tractor is a joint design with AutoEnterprise company. It does not have analogs in the world. The tractor has lithium-ion batteries with a capacity of 40 kW and the electric engine of 40 hp. It takes from two to four hours to charge it. The tractor can operate for up to eight hours in the transportation mode and up to four hours in the traction mode. By the end of the year we want to start its mass production with our partners AutoEnterprise,” Hubin said at a press conference.

He also said that the plant is currently working on boosting the capacity of the tractor. Hubin said that in the coming two years the plant wants to design a range of electric tractors with a capacity of 25 to 360 hp. Kharkiv Tractor Plant produces wheeled and tracked tractors, as well as road-building machinery based on tractors. ■



## KHARKIV TRACTOR PLANT SIGNS CONTRACT TO SUPPLY UP TO 1,000 ENGINES A YEAR WITH VOLVO

Public joint-stock company Kharkiv Tractor Plant has signed a contract to supply up to 1,000 engines to Volvo, Plant Director General Vladyslav Hubin said at a press conference.

“The contract was signed in February – this was shipment of test engines. The contract for batch supplies was signed in late September,” he said.

Hubin said that Kharkiv Tractor Plant signed the contract with Volvo, as on February 12, 2015, a moratorium on exports of goods from Russia to Ukraine was introduced by the Russian government, and the Kharkiv plant lost its chance to buy engines from Avtodiesel Yaroslavl Motor Plant and has not been able to ship the engines since summer 2015.

Hubin said that these are Volvo engines with 240-250 hp. The contract would enable the installation of engines on half of the tractors made by the plant, while the second half of the tractors which are to be sold to Russia are equipped with YaMP engines made in Belgorod.

Volvo engine costs 50% more than YaMP engines. The installation of the new engine would make the cost of a tractor UAH 80,000 more and with the price of UAH 1.2-1.4 million it is not important. Hubin said that the top-priority markets for the plant are Asia and Africa. ■

## UKRAINE INSTALLS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOILERS WITH TOTAL CAPACITY OF 740 MW IN 18 MONTHS

The facilitation of the procedure for commissioning heating supply facilities which consume sustainable energy and the stimulating tariff for heating generation using sustainable energy ensured that boilers with the capacity of 740 MW were installed in 2014 and the first half of 2015, Head of the State Agency for Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine Serhiy Savchuk has said.

“In 2014, boilers consuming sustainable energy with the total capacity of around 450 MW were installed, which is equal to the half of a reactor’s capacity. In H1 2015, similar boilers with the capacity of 290 MW were installed in H1 2015,” the agency said in a press release, citing Savchuk.

Savchuk added that in general, thanks to administrative and stimulating measures, in the past heating season (from October 2014 to April 2015) Ukraine managed to cut gas consumption by some 12% or 2.4 billion cubic meters. ■



## UKRAINE COULD BOOST SUGAR EXPORTS BY DOZENS OF TIMES FROM 2016 – MINISTER

Fields sown with sugar beets in Ukraine could be increased in 2016, as if Asian markets are opened, exports will grow considerably, Agricultural Policy and Food Minister of Ukraine Oleksiy Pavlenko said at a briefing.

“We’ve raised the issue of foreign markets at a meeting of the Chinese commission and with several Asian countries. I think that next year it is better to sow more sugar beets. If we are able to open several markets in the next six months, we will be able to increase exports,” he said. Pavlenko said that sugar beet exports could reach 1 million tonnes. “The figure of 100,000 tonnes for export is not the limit. We can export dozens times more, and I don’t see any problem of exporting 1 million tonnes. Yes, refineries require modernization, but investment and foreign markets are required for this,” he said.

Pavlenko said that as of September 30, 2015, sugar beets were dug up from 34,000 hectares or 18% of fields with a yield of 388 centners per hectare. A total of 1.7 million tonnes of sugar beets have been dug up. He said that the ministry has not changed its forecast for sugar production: 1.2-1.3 million tonnes in the current season (September-August). ■



## UKRAINE SOWS 50% OF PLANNED WINTER GRAIN AREA

Farmers in Ukraine have sown 3.7 million hectares out of 7.4 million hectares planned to sow with winter grain, the Agrarian Policy and Food Ministry has said.

This includes 3.5 million hectares of winter wheat and triticale, or 56% of the forecast, 109,000 ha of rye (70%) and 136,000 ha of winter barley (13%). The ministry said 568,000 ha of winter rapeseed crops have been sown with the forecast of 823,000 ha. As reported, the ministry projects that winter crops will be sowed on 7.4 million ha, which is 17.5% down on 2014. ■



## EBRD TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF EUR 11.6 MLN TO BUSINESSMAN KOZYTSKY'S COMPANY TO BUILD WIND POWER PLANT

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) will consider providing EUR 11.6 million to Carpathian Wind LLC (Lviv, under the control of businessman Zinovy Kozytsky) to build a wind farm with a capacity of 9.9 MW near Stry Sambir (Lviv region).

EBRD said on its website that the bank’s board will consider the project on November 25, 2015.

Under the project, the bank could provide EUR 8.5 million of its own funds and EUR 3.1 million issued by Clean Technology Fund (CTF). The cost of the project is EUR 17.9 million.

As reported, Kozytsky’s Eco-Optima built and operates a wind power plant near Stry Sambir with a capacity of around 13 MW. The EBRD’s funds were also used to build this plant. ■







## CREATION OF UKRAINE'S NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GEOSPATIAL DATA ASSESSED AT \$500 MLN-\$1 BLN – OFFICIAL

### UKRAINE EXPORTS 5.5 MLN TONNES OF WHEAT BY OCT 1 – AGRICULTURE MINISTRY

As of October 1, Ukraine had exported 5.452 million tonnes of wheat, according to the website of the Agricultural Policy and Food Ministry.

Total exports amounted to 9.824 million tonnes of grain, while 430,000 tonnes were loaded onboard ships, in particular corn exports totaled 1.448 million tonnes, barley – 2.908 million tonnes, other grains – 16,000 tonnes.

As reported, the agricultural ministry forecasts that grain exports in the 2015/2016 marketing year (July-June) will reach 36.8 million tonnes. The harvest in 2015 will be 58-60 million tonnes. Grain exports from Ukraine in the 2014/2015 marketing year, according to preliminary data, amounted to 34.805 million tonnes, including corn in the amount of 18.837 million tonnes. Some 11.234 million tonnes of wheat, 4.46 million tonnes of barley and 280,000 tonnes of other grains were supplied to foreign markets. ■



The cost of the realization of the project to create national infrastructure for geospatial data in Ukraine as a base for processing this data has been assessed at \$500 million-\$1 billion, and there are plans to raise donor funds from international financial organizations to realize the project, Head of the State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Maksym Martyniuk said at a seminar of Japan International Cooperation Agency ( JICA) and the State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre held in Kyiv on October 9.

“We have a common vision of the project’s budget, and it is assessed from \$500 million to \$1 billion,” he told reporters.

Martyniuk said that it is only possible to speak about the term of the creating and launching the national infrastructure for geospatial data after financing sources are defined and the budget is approved.

He said that the final variant of the project implies that the national infrastructure for geospatial data would be a large data-center with data on all facilities under construction, as well as land parcels, utilities networks, transport infrastructure of the country, etc. ■



### EIB LOAN OF EUR 400 MLN TO BE ALLOCATED TO MODERNIZE AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE IN UKRAINE, DEVELOP AQUACULTURE

The EUR 400 million loan provided by the European Investment Bank (EIB) will be allocated to projects to modernize infrastructure in Ukraine’s agriculture, as well as to develop aquaculture.

Key investment gaps to be addressed include agricultural field machinery; drying, storage, processing and logistics capacity; and investments in aquaculture and cold chain infrastructure in the fish sector, EIB said on its website.

The loan will also be available for investment in public sector infrastructure, such as testing laboratories, research and vocational training facilities and fish stock monitoring capacity that supports the sustainable flow of produce from producer to consumer along these value chains. The project aims to have a positive impact on the rural economy as well as on the environment and public health. ■



## ARTYOMSOL WITH UKRAINIAN DANUBE NAVIGATION WORKING ON ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO SHIP SUPPLIES TO EUROPE

Artyomsol state enterprise is holding talks with private joint-stock company Ukrainian Danube Navigation (Izmail, Odesa region) on the provision of services to ship salt to the Danube countries.

The state enterprise said that the necessity to optimize transport logistics appeared due to the growth in exports of Artyomsol's products, including to the European Union. "We understand that today there are external problems with a shortage of rolling stock and we're working on alternative options

to supply our products. We supply [our products] via Izmail seaport under FOB conditions. We're discussing cooperation with PrJSC Ukrainian Danube Navigation to work out transportation of our salt to the European Union countries under CIF conditions," acting director of Artyomsol Andriy Zhuravlev said.

The press service said that the economic calculations showed that cooperation with Ukrainian Danube Navigation is a more beneficial way of dispatching cargo as it cuts logistics expenses and pro-

ducts consumers from failures due to the absence of rolling stock.

The start of cooperation with Ukrainian Danube Navigation will boost supplies to the countries where Artyomsol is working now (Hungary, Slovakia, Serbia, Bulgaria) and will allow the company to enter the new markets of Slovenia, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and find direct access to the river ports of Austria and south Germany.

Artyomsol is the largest enterprise engaged in the production and sale of salt (NaCl) in Central and Eastern Europe. ■

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