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China is interested in placing its production at Ukrainian industrial parks and has already provided the Ukrainian side with the corresponding plan of cooperation, Vice President of the China International Chamber of Commerce Lu Jianzhong has said. "We see that the investment climate in Ukraine, as well as relations between Ukraine and China are improving. We hope that we will be able to take part in the development of industrial parks and attract Chinese investment via the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. We have provided our comments and our cooperation plan as for industrial parks to Ukraine. Ukraine is studying them," he said at the Ukrainian Silk Road forum in Kyiv. Trade representative of Ukraine Natalia Mykolska, in turn, during the forum said Ukraine will attract Chinese investors, demonstrating the benefits of free trade with the EU, Canada, the CIS, the EFTA countries and others.

"Ukraine can become a place of goods production with the participation of Chinese investments, know-how and technology for the delivery to a number of markets, with which Ukraine has free trade agreements. Ukraine could become a manufacturing hub for Chinese investors to produce their goods here and deliver them to the EU market and back to China," she said. ■

GERMANY TO PROVIDE ANOTHER EUR 72 MLN IN AID TO UKRAINE – ECONOMY MINISTRY



Germany will give Ukraine EUR 72 million in new aid for sustainable economic development, regional development, energy efficiency and internally displaced persons, Ukraine's Deputy Economic Development and Trade Minister has said. Maksym Nefyodov has said. According to his statement on Facebook, Nefyodov signed relevant documents in Berlin on Friday on the results of two-day talks with the Economic Cooperation and Development Ministry of Germany.

The deputy minister specified that this aid will be also aimed at strengthening local government, support of the united territorial communities, assistance to small and medium-sized businesses and modernization of energy consumption.

Director of International Programs Coordination Department of Ukraine's Economy Ministry Olena Trehub, who participated in the talks, explained that at the moment the amount of funds provided by Germany as non-repayable assistance to Ukraine rose to EUR 325 million from EUR 20 million before the Revolution of Dignity. ■

ULIE REPRESENTATION TO WORK IN UKRAINE'S PARLIAMENT

Ukrainian industrialists and entrepreneurs have been seeking more efficient cooperation with lawmakers, therefore they have supported an initiative to create a representative office in Ukraine's parliament. The concept of the office is to be presented at the 14th Congress of the Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ULIE), which is scheduled for November 10. A candidate for its future head will also be discussed there.

Entrepreneurs will use the new office to work with parliamentarians on important issues of the current economic situation, trends in the domestic market, to lobby MPs for the adoption of laws on the development of domestic industry, support of small- and medium-sized enterprises, financing of science and innovative developments, and more. In addition, the office will provide all necessary information to lawmakers about production, business to improve the analysis of the situation in the economic sector of Ukraine. "Businesses need their own representative in the legislature of the country. A practical and accessible mechanism should be created for communication between businesses that create jobs and pay taxes to the budget and members of the legislature who take important decisions to stimulate production, improve the economy. Joint efforts of Members of Parliament and civil society to promote effective reforms in the country should yield good results," ULIE President Anatoliy Kinakh said.

The ULIE's representation will use the organization's best practice to analyze and assess initiatives to rebuild industrial capacity, create industrial and technological parks, introduce micro crediting, etc. ■

K.FUND OPENS UNIT FACTORY PROGRAMMING SCHOOL IN KYIV



K.Fund of businessman Vasyl Khmelnytsky in partnership with the French programming school "School 42" has opened the UNIT Factory programming school, which is one of the key elements of an innovation technological park, while investment could range from \$100 million to \$400 million in ten years.

"UNIT Factory will train about 300 students. We plan to increase their number to 3,000 within three years," Khmelnytsky said, when opening the school.

According to him, training will be free if graduates work in Ukraine for three years.

As reported, K.Fund and BlackBox Capital plan to create the Technology Companies' Development Center (TCDC) in Kyiv, which will be engaged in support of small and medium hi-tech projects.

The Technology Companies' Development Center will be located in the territory of former Kyiv Motorcycle Plant, which in 2012 was acquired by Capital Index Group LLC controlled by Khmelnytsky.

Currently, construction work is being carried out on the site. It will be finished in December 2016. ■

INDUSTRIALISTS PROPOSE ANTI-CRISIS ECONOMIC STRATEGY TO UKRAINE'S AUTHORITIES



The Ukrainian industrial community has adopted anti-crisis recommendations to the government of Ukraine and the National Committee for Industrial Development. The proposals put forth by more than a hundred business structures working under the umbrella of the Anti-Crisis Council of NGOs and the Federation of Employers of Ukraine will form the basis for cooperation between entrepreneurs and the authorities, including through the above-mentioned Committee and the newly created Office of the Representative of Industrialists, Entrepreneurs and Employers in parliament. The Office will start work in the near future and will become a unique platform in Ukraine for direct communication between entrepreneurs and parliamentarians, for transparent lobbying of economic changes. This was discussed at the 14th Congress of the Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ULIE) at NSC Olimpiyskiy in Kyiv. Having estimated the available economic potential, business representatives aim to stop deindustrialization, foster significant GDP growth, reduce pressure on entrepreneurs and encourage investment and self-development.

"We demand that modern industrial policy be pursued in the country consistently, in line with chosen directions towards breakthrough innovations and investment. It is necessary to broaden presence in foreign markets as much as possible and propose added-value products to the world. At the same time, most enterprises need to be modernized along with the introduction of new technologies," ULIE President Anatoliy Kinakh said.

The consolidated position of the Ukrainian business community in parliament will be promoted by its permanent Office, which was established by the ULIE together with associations of Ukrainian businesses and employers. It will strengthen cooperation between industrialists and lawmakers in adopting important laws for economic development. Independent analysts and lawyers will work for the Office, they will process proposals that will come from businesses and will formulate legislative initiatives on their basis. "The creation of representation in parliament is a first strong step. Currently, much-needed bills on the creation of industrial parks, an export credit agency and others have already been tabled in parliament. We'll have a tool to influence these processes. The next step is to strengthen cooperation with the government through the newly formed National Committee. Business should have a position that is united and consolidated to ensure its voice is heard," Chairman of the Employers' Federation Dmytro Oliynyk said.

"In future, this initiative should become the basis for the formation of a national strategy for strengthening the middle class, developing small-sized businesses. In other countries they are the main customer of democratic reforms and main taxpayer (50-70%)," Anatoliy Kinakh said. The delegates highly evaluated the ULIE's performance in the international and national economic sphere and the support of businesses. ULIE President Anatoliy Kinakh was elected for a new term. Further, the delegates elected the ULIE Board, vice-presidents, approved amendments to the ULIE Charter and the mandate of the organization's regional offices. ■

GERMANY'S BADER GMBH OPENS SECOND CAR LEATHER SEAT PLANT IN LVIV REGION



Germany's Bader GmbH has opened a new car leather seat plant in Lviv region. This is the second industrial site of Bader Ukraine LLC. According to a posting on the website of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, during his working trip to Lviv region he took part in the ceremony of opening the plant of Bader Ukraine LLC.

"Despite aggression, Ukraine started to demonstrate economic recovery in 2016. In 2014, many foreigners doubted to invest in Ukraine, but now they ascertained that their decision was correct," he said.

Poroshenko expressed gratitude to the investors. "Thank you for producing high-quality goods and glorifying Ukraine in Europe." According to him, this has become possible due to the Association and DCFTA Agreement with the EU. This means that commodities produced in Ukraine are not subject to taxation on the European market," he said.

Director of Bader Ukraine Andriy Pavlun and Director of Bader GmbH&Co Bent Dreilich presented the production facilities of the plant to the head of state.

Bader Ukraine LLC, founded in 2006, is a branch of Bader GmbH, a leading global premium car leather manufacturer. Bader Ukraine produces leather and leather items, leather seats for Audi and BMW. The first production site is located in Horodok (Lviv region) with up to 1,000 employees. The new site is located in Kozhychi (Yaroriv district, Lviv region). ■

EIB TO PROVIDE EUR 200 MLN TO UPGRADE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN UKRAINE

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is lending EUR 200 million to the Ministry of Transport of Ukraine to support sustainable municipal transport infrastructure in 20 Ukraine's municipalities.

An Interfax-Ukraine correspondent has reported that the agreement was signed by Ukrainian Infrastructure Minister Volodymyr Omelyan and EIB Vice President Vazil Hudak in the presence of Ukrainian Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman on November 11.

"This project is important for Ukrainian cities. It allows to considerably upgrading municipal transport: this is the modernization of tram and trolleybus fleets. I would stress particularly that in the conditions of financial decentralization local budget can cooperation with IFIs [international financial institutions] themselves and implement similar projects," Groysman said.

The press service of the EIB said that the bank would its support through a modal shift from road to electric transport and more efficient operation of existing public transport systems in municipalities across Ukraine. "A higher customer service level and sustainability of public transport in medium-to-large- Ukrainian cities will increase the quality of life of citizens, improve environment and increase energy savings, leading to a higher economic output," the bank said in a press release.

The project will contribute to the implementation of the National Urban Public Transport program promoted by the government of Ukraine. It covers municipal schemes involving purchase of new or modernization of existing rolling stock, e.g. trolleybuses, trams and buses, rehabilitation and construction of public transport infrastructure as tram lines, bus lanes, stations, depots.

The project will target up to twenty municipalities and will comprise multiple investment schemes varying from EUR 1 million – EUR 50 million. The final beneficiaries will be municipally-owned transport utilities or municipalities themselves. The schemes to be supported under this loan are supposed to amount to total investment costs of some EUR 400 million, out of which EIB will co-finance up to 50%. The project will be also co-financed by a partner financing institution – European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

The EIB will finance the project in 15 tranches during five years. It is planned that the project will be implemented in Kyiv, Bila Tserkva, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kremenchuk, Lutsk, Lviv, Odesa, Sumy, Ternopil, Kharkiv and Chernihiv. ■

RAILWAY WAGON PRODUCTION IN UKRAINE COULD CREATE UP TO 50,000 JOBS – PM



Ukrainian Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman has said that production of railway wagons for the needs of public joint-stock company Ukrzaliznytsia at Ukrainian enterprises could create up to 50,000 jobs. "We have calculated that with the needs of Ukrzaliznytsia we would provide 50,000 people with jobs if we only start producing them at the facilities of state-run enterprises," he said on Shuster Live Show late on Friday last week.

The prime minister said that the quality of wagons made in Ukraine is not worse than imported wagons and their price is significantly cheaper. ■

UKRAINE EXPORTS ELECTRICITY FOR \$123 MLN IN JAN-OCT



Ukraine in January-October 2016 exported electricity worth \$123.288 million, in particular in October for \$9.003 million. According to the State Fiscal Service, electricity delivered to Hungary amounted to \$93.734 million for the eight months, to Poland to \$29.199 million, Moldova to \$347,000, other countries to \$7,000.

In addition, in January-October 2016 Ukraine imported power worth \$3.006 million from Russia, \$57,000 from Belarus.

As reported, Ukraine in January-October 2015 exported electricity for \$125.689 million, in particular to Hungary for \$121.797 million, Poland for \$1.672 million, Slovakia for \$1.115 million, and other countries for \$1.105 million. ■

INTEREST RATES ON NBU'S ACTIVE AND PASSIVE OPERATIONS SET FOR NOVEMBER 11

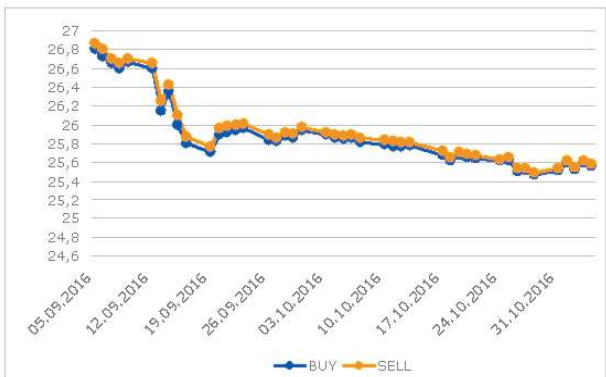
Rate (%)	Current rate, % per annum	Last set	Previous rate, %	Previously set
Refinancing rate	14.00	28.10.16	15.00	16.09.16
On active operations – overnight credits				
Secured by state securities	16.00	28.10.16	17.00	16.09.16
For blank credits	12.00	28.10.16	13.00	16.09.16
Tenders for placement of NBU's deposit certificates				
For 14 days	14.00	28.10.16	15.00	16.09.16

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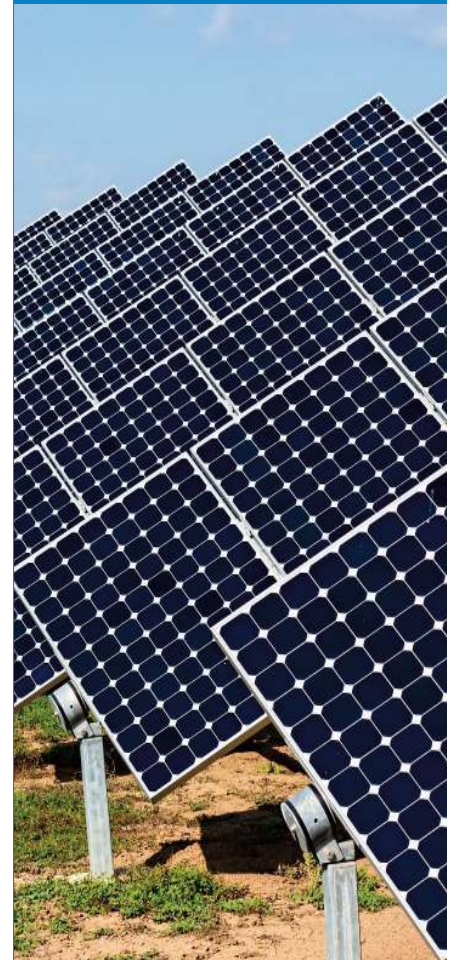
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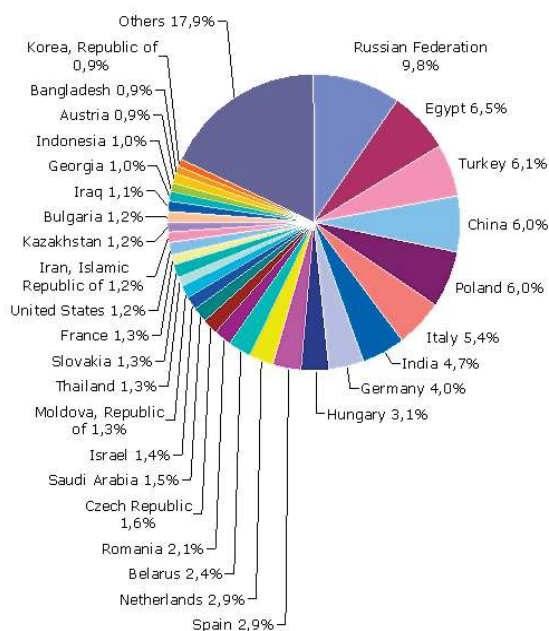
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CHINA'S CNBM COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF ONE OF KLIUYEV'S SOLAR PLANTS



UKRAINE'S FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS, JANUARY-AUGUST 2016 EXPORTS, THSD USD



China's CNBM International Corporation has become the owner of almost 100% in PJSC Neptun Solar (this company owns a solar power station in Mykolaiv region), according to a company report in the information disclosure system of the National Commission on Securities and the Stock Market. At the same time, Austria's Activ Solar GmbH sold its shares in Neptun Solar. As reported, the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine allowed CNBM buy a number of solar power plants built by Activ Solar (the company is associated with fugitive ex-head of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Andriy Kliuyev). According to the State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine, the Ukrainian feed-in tariff for solar power plants is one of the highest in the world. ■

EBRD TO ARRANGE EUR23.1 MLN FUNDING FOR BUSINESSMAN KOZYTSKY'S COMPANY TO BUILD WIND PLANT



The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) will organize financing for Carpathian Wind LLC (Karpatsky Viter, the founder is businessman Zynoviy Kozytsky) for a total of EUR23.1 million for building a wind power plant with a capacity of 20.7 MW in Lviv region, the bank's press service has said.

"The package of funding in the amount of EUR23.1 million, organized by the bank, includes EUR8.6 million from the EBRD, EUR4 million from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF), the first phase of the loan in the amount of EUR5.5 million from the Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU), as well as the first phase of the loan in the amount of EUR5 million from the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)," the report reads.

The planned capacity of the new wind plant is 20.7 MW, it will be equipped with six turbines. ■

UNDP INTENDS TO LAUNCH TWO ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN UKRAINE BY 2017

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) intends to launch two projects on energy efficiency market development in Ukraine by the end of 2016, UNDP Deputy Country Director in Ukraine Blerta Cela has said. Speaking at the 8th International Forum on Sustainable Energy in Ukraine in Kyiv on Tuesday, Cela announced the launch of two important programs to promote activities in the field of energy efficiency and the development of this market in Ukraine.

According to her, the first program will be aimed at removing barriers to investment in energy efficiency in government buildings.

This program will be aimed at speeding up the implementation of energy efficiency measures at the expense of the most productive use of private sector investment, the deputy director of the UNDP office in Ukraine said.

She said they will try to integrate 'green' urban development and 'green' urban management in this country including through taking the cue from several successful models of other cities in other countries.

The UNDP deputy country director also stressed the importance of the adoption by the Ukrainian parliament of the bills on housing and communal utilities, on energy efficiency of buildings and on fiscal metering of utility services, which should help Ukraine meet European energy efficiency standards, particularly in the residential sector.

According to her, Ukraine is still one of the least energy-efficient countries in the world occupying the 24th place in terms of greenhouse gas emissions. ■

GERMANY TO PROVIDE EUR 32.5 MLN TO UKRAINE FOR UPGRADING TRANSFORMERS, POWER LINES



Germany would provide a loan of up to EUR 32.5 million to Ukraine for the period of up to 30 years and the grace period of 10 years under the second phase of the project on increase of energy efficiency in power transmission (modernization of transformer substations) by the end of this year, the Economic Development and Trade Ministry of Ukraine reported. "The project is intended to increase quality of power supply thanks to restoration of transformer substations and strengthening power lines," the ministry said.

The ministry said that the agreements were reached during a visit of a ministry's delegation to Berlin on November 3 and November 4 and negotiations with representatives of Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, KfW Bankengruppe and GIZ.

The total volume of the financial assistance from Germany to be provided by the end of 2016 would be EUR 72 million, the head of the Ukrainian delegation and Deputy Economic Development and Trade Minister Maksym Nefyodov said.

Some EUR 16 million is provided for developing democracy, civil society, public administration, regional development and decentralization, EUR 36 million for energy efficiency and EUR 20 million to build and reconstruct houses for internally displaced persons (IDPs). ■

UKRAINE PROMOTING SUPPLIES OF AN-148-300MP MARITIME PATROL PLANES IN INDONESIA



Ukraine is preparing the expansion of military and technical cooperation with Indonesia: the sides are holding negotiations on a possibility of supplying Ukrainian An-148-300MP maritime patrol planes to the Asia-Pacific Region (APR). The press service of Ukrspецexport state-run company reported on Thursday that during the negotiations between Ukrspецexport Director General Pavlo Bukin and Indonesian Navy officers at the IndoDefence-2016 Expo&Forum (Jakarta, Indonesia), Ukraine announced a possibility of supplying An-148-300MP maritime patrol planes to an Indonesian customer with the future transfer of assembly technologies to apply at an Indonesian aircraft building plant.

Indonesian partners pointed out a large potential of the Ukrainian defense industrial complex and high professionalism in military and technical cooperation with Ukraine. ■

NEED IN LOCOMOTIVES AT UKRAINIAN RAILWAYS TO GROW BY 26% IN EIGHT YEARS – UKRZALIZNYTSIA



The need in the main haulage cargo, passenger and shunting locomotives for 2017 is 2,492, while by 2025 the need would expand by some 16%, to 2,881 locomotives.

According to the press service of public joint-stock company Ukrzaliznytsia, the company calculated that by 2025 the need in acquiring new main haulage locomotives is around 90 units, and new locomotives – around 460 units. The sector needs 230 of cargo electric DC locomotives, 160 cargo electric AC locomotives, 20 AC/DC locomotives for passenger transportation and 50 cargo AC/DC locomotives.

In November Ukrzaliznytsia's specialists would propose to consider the strategy for upgrading the locomotive fleet until 2015 to the company's board. ■

CONSTRUCTORS FINISH DRILLING NEW BESKYDSKY TUNNEL



Public joint-stock company Ukrzaliznytsia has finished drilling of the new two-track Beskydsky tunnel on October 28 in line with the schedule. The company said in a Monday press release that the tunnel was drilled in two stages: the upper section and the lower section. A total of 1,764 meters were drilled. The workers are improving the roadbed at the approaches to the tunnel, installing the track at the approaches and in the tunnel, assembly lighting, communications and control lines. It is planned that the works will be finished by late May 2017.

The workers continue drilling rooms and niches in the tunnel. It is required that niches will be staged each 30 meters, with niches and open areas made each 150 meters.

The new two-track tunnel will replace the existing single track one, which was built in 1886. It has a speed limit of 15-40km/h and remains the only "narrow" place in the Chop-Lviv direction. The new tunnel is designed for a speed of 60-70 km/h and increase the capacity of this section of the track from 47 to 100 pairs of trains per day. The first train will pass the new tunnel in Q2 2018. ■

UKRAINE SHOULD ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR



The implementation of the imports replacement concept in the Ukrainian pharmaceutical sector is possible with the approval of the strategy for attracting foreign investment, President of the Association Manufactures of Medications of Ukraine (AMMU) Petro Bahriy has said.

“The foreign direct investment attraction concept for the Ukrainian pharmaceutical sector should be drawn up, not the imports replacement concept. Ukrainian pharmaceutical manufacturers can calmly work in close cooperation with foreign partners. Ukrainian patients would win from this, as they would have access to modern drugs and modern technologies,” he said during a discussion at the Ukrainian HealthCare Forum 2016. “Everything what is to be done is to introduce preference, or stimulate investment. There is nothing to worry about. This is done all over the world. Support of local manufacturers and reasonable preferences exist everywhere,” he said.

Bahriy said that investment should be stimulated to achieve this goal.

“We want to move to Europe. We want to create jobs. This work would have been more effective if it were supported by Ukraine’s leaders and the conditions for stable development were created,” Bahriy said. ■

GALNAFTOGAZ CONCERN TO FINANCE GRAIN FORWARD PROGRAM WITH UAH 1 BLN IN 2016/16 AGRI-YEAR



Galnaftogaz Concern (Lviv, OKKO filling station chain) has launched a grain forward program worth UAH 1 billion for 2016/17 agricultural year (July-June).

“This agricultural year we would like to make a forward program for UAH 1 billion and next year to increase financing to UAH 3 billion,” Galnaftogaz Vice President Vasyl Danyliak said at a press conference in Kyiv. He said that the concern created OKKO-Agrotrade in 2016 to cooperate with farmers.

“We have created a division that would trade with fuel and mineral fertilizers and help to sell harvest. We can cover from 30% to 40% of farmers’ needs with our products,” he said.

In 2016/17 agri-year the company expects to receive 250,000 tonnes of grain under the forward program. The key tools for working with farmers will be future harvest as collateral and agrarian receipts. The financing rate will be 10.5% per annum.

OKKO-Agrotrade Director General Oleksandr Nikolenko said that in the future his company seeks to cover 100% of farmers’ needs in goods and finances required for industrial processes. Among the company’s clients are farmers with land banks from 500 ha to 100,000 ha. ■

BORYSPIL AIRPORT SEES 16% RISE IN PASSENGER FLOW IN JAN-OCT



Boryspil International Airport (Kyiv), the largest airport in the country, in January-October 2016 increased its passenger traffic by 16% year-over-year and 23% from January-October 2014, compared to the same period of 2015, to 7.264 million people.

The press service of the airport reported that the number of transit passengers over the period grew to 1.899 million (47% up year-over-year).

In October 2016, the airport serviced 797,400 passengers (20% up on October 2015 and 42% up on October 2014).

“One of the key factors of the indicators’ growth was development of the basic airline of the Boryspil airport – UIA. It is a driver of the airport’s growth,” the airport said.

In 2016, the airport seeks to service over 8.4 million passengers. Passenger flow would be increased by 15.4% compared to 2015.

Boryspil airport services over 68% of passenger transportation in Ukraine. It is the only airport in the country servicing long-haul flights. Over 50 airlines fly from the airport on more than 100 routes worldwide. ■

GOVERNMENT WANTS TO RESUME TRACTOR PRODUCTION IN UKRAINE – PM



The Ukrainian government would find schemes for resuming large-scale production of agricultural machinery in Ukraine, Ukrainian Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman has said during his visit to Kherson Machine Building Plant. “As for support of combine production... The top managers of the enterprise say that this combine has been brought up to date. If it is so and it is proved, I think we would be able to speak about finding tools to support building of combines in Ukraine,” the press service of the government said on Thursday, citing Groysman.

The prime minister said that the government considers support of machine building in Ukraine a top priority.

“Today we see that equipment for agriculture, including machinery, can be made in Ukraine,” Groysman said, commenting on the operation of Kherson Machine Building Plant.

He said that around 20 enterprises in Ukraine are cooperating with the plant delivering knots for machinery.

The prime minister said that around 100 types of agricultural equipment are made in Ukraine. “We are ready to compensate 20-30% of the cost of equipment to Ukrainian farmers who produce national products. This would cheapen farmers’ goods, and farmers would have a chance to use this equipment in production. We want to launch this circle,” he said. ■

TERMINAL-UPSS INVESTS \$7 MLN IN VEGETABLE OIL TANK FLEET AT MYKOLAIV SEAPORT

Terminal-UPSS has launched a new tank fleet handling palm and exotic oils and other liquid edible products and fats.

According to a company press release, the fleet of 14 tanks with a total storage capacity of 41,000 cubic meters has elevated railway tracks and road, heated pipeline system and “nitrogen breathing” system to avoid aging of products, a warm water heating system and a laboratory.

“The polymeric internal coverage of the tanks allows working with almost any types of bulk cargos. Investment reached \$7 million,” the company said.

Terminal-UPSS in next two years seeks to build a grain elevator with a storage capacity of 240,000 tonnes at Dnipro-Buhsy seaport.

Terminal-UPSS owns a port complex with a total storage capacity of 185 cubic meters – these are five terminals with a storage capacity of 25,000-40,000 tonnes each. The company’s core business is handling bulk edible cargos, as well as exporting molasses and vegetable oil. ■

UKRAINE BY NOV 4 THRESHES 55.9 MLN TONNES OF GRAIN AND LEGUMINOUS CROPS



Ukraine as of November 4 had threshed 55.9 million tonnes of grain and leguminous crops from 12.8 million hectares (90% of the forecast), whereas a year ago as of November 3 it collected 55.6 million tonnes from 13.3 million hectares (95% of the forecast).

According to the press service of the Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food, this year the average yield of cereals rose to 43.5 centners per ha from 40.2 centners per ha last year.

Corn harvest from 2.8 million hectares (67% of the forecast) amounted to 16.9 million tonnes, the yield increased to 59.7 centners/ha from 53.4 centners/ha.

Buckwheat was collected from 148,000 ha (99%) in the amount of 189,000 tonnes compared to 141,000 tonnes past year, in particular due to the rise in yield from 11.4 centners/ha to 12.7 centners/ha.

Millet was harvested from 103,000 ha in the amount of 187,000 tonnes (98%), whereas in the past year the country harvested 210,000 tonnes of this crop due to a higher yield (20 centners/ha against 18.2 centners/ha this year).

The country is continuing to harvest sunflower: with the forecast being 5.9 million hectares the crop has been harvested from an area of 5.7 million hectares (96%) in the amount of 12.6 million tonnes. Its yield rose to 22.2 centners/ha compared to 21.4 centners/ha last year, when farmers harvested 10.6 million tonnes.

The harvest of soybeans by November 4 amounted to 3.7 million tonnes from 1.6 million hectares (90% of the forecast) with a substantial increase in yield to 22.4 centners/ha from 17.3 centners/ha last season, when the figure stood at 3.5 million tonnes. ■

STATE FOOD-GRAIN CORPORATION MULLING ATTRACTION OF \$500 MLN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE WITH CHINA'S CCEC



Public joint-stock company State Food-Grain Corporation is mulling the possibility of implementing joint project on modernization of elevators and building a new deep port terminal with China's CCEC. The corporation said in a press release that total investment would preliminary total near \$500 million.

Some \$25 million will be sent to modernize the Odesa grain terminal. This will help to increase its capacity and reduce expenses on loading of ships. After the modernization the company will be able to service ships of Panamax type, stop loading ships in the harbor and cut the freight cost. The operating capacity of the terminal would expand to 120,000 tonnes. This would allow accumulating cargo for around two ships.

The project envisages construction of new elevators in Kyiv and Vinnytsia regions with a total capacity of 150,000 tonnes.

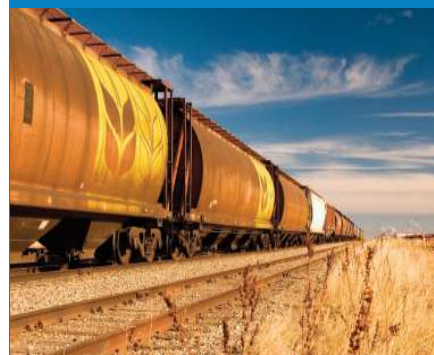
The investment plan of the corporation includes the creation of additional facilities for grain handling thanks to construction of a new deep port elevators and reconstruction of existing berths. Almost \$135 million will be sent to implement the project.

"After the completion of the construction project, the corporation would be able to operate a modern sea terminal with a possibility of loading ships with deadweight of up to 100,000 tonnes and an operation capacity of 300,000 tonnes. This would expand our entire annual grain loading capacity (water transport) to 5 million tonnes," he said.

Over \$160 million will be sent to the project to create own logistics division. It is planned to produce and buy railway grain carriers.

"We seek to buy almost 3,000 wagons. They would meet the corporation's needs in shipping grain, reduce our operating expenses and minimize risks of a shortage of Ukrzaliznytsia's wagons we see now," he added, including exports. ■

FOOD AND GRAIN CORPORATION MULLING FLAKED GRAIN EXPORTS TO CHINA



PJSC State Food and Grain Corporation of Ukraine plans to export flaked grain produced at the corporation facilities in Novoukrainka (Kirovohrad region). According to a press release, now the corporation is mulling their exports to China.

Over the four months of the 2016/2017 marketing year (MY, July-June) the corporation branches processed 71,600 tonnes of grain, of which 67,600 tonnes of wheat and 4,600 tonnes of rye.

"Over the year, in accordance with the plan, we have to process 320,000 tonnes of grain. However, we have an ambitious task to ensure growth in the share of our refined products in the domestic market and increase exports of finished products to other countries, develop new market areas," the director of the department of elevator operations and finished products sales, Hennadiy Hordiyenko said. ■

The Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ULIE) is the largest union of business associations and individual enterprises in Ukraine with its members ranging from vertically integrated corporations to small and medium enterprises (SMEs). For already more than 20 years the League's key mission is to promote and protect interests of the Ukrainian business within Ukraine and beyond. With its central offices in Kyiv, ULIE manages 28 regional subsidiaries, 73 branches, 22 representative offices and 34 commissions on key sectors of the economy.

The League is also a signatory to 155 international agreements on cooperation and has representative offices in 21 countries, including Representative Office in the EU in Brussels.

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