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Ukraine's foreign trade deficit more than quadruples in Q1 2021

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The deficit of Ukraine's foreign trade in the first quarter of 2021 increased 4.3 times, to \$1.049 billion from \$0.247 billion in the same quarter of 2020, the State Statistics Service said.

According to the authority, in the first three months of this year, exports of goods and services grew by 7.6%, to \$15.785 billion, while imports rose by 12.9%, to \$16.834 billion.

As reported, in 2020, the deficit of foreign trade in goods and services of Ukraine amounted to \$0.26 billion, which is 93.1% less than in 2019, and is associated with a decrease in the deficit in trade in goods by 54.6%, to \$4.88 billion.



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Ukraine climbs 17 positions in social progress index to 63rd place in 2020

Ukraine in 2020 climbed from 80th to 63rd place in the Social Progress Index among 163 countries with score of 73.38 points versus 66.97 in 2019, according to the index data.

“It is important that in the year of the pandemic, Ukraine improved its position in this global ranking. This means that at least part of the challenges we responded correctly,” Minister of Social Policy Maryna Lazebna told Interfax-Ukraine. According to the study, the average score of the index among all studied countries is 64.24 points. Last year, the group of countries with a very high standard of living and a moderately high quality of life narrowed from 104 to 71.

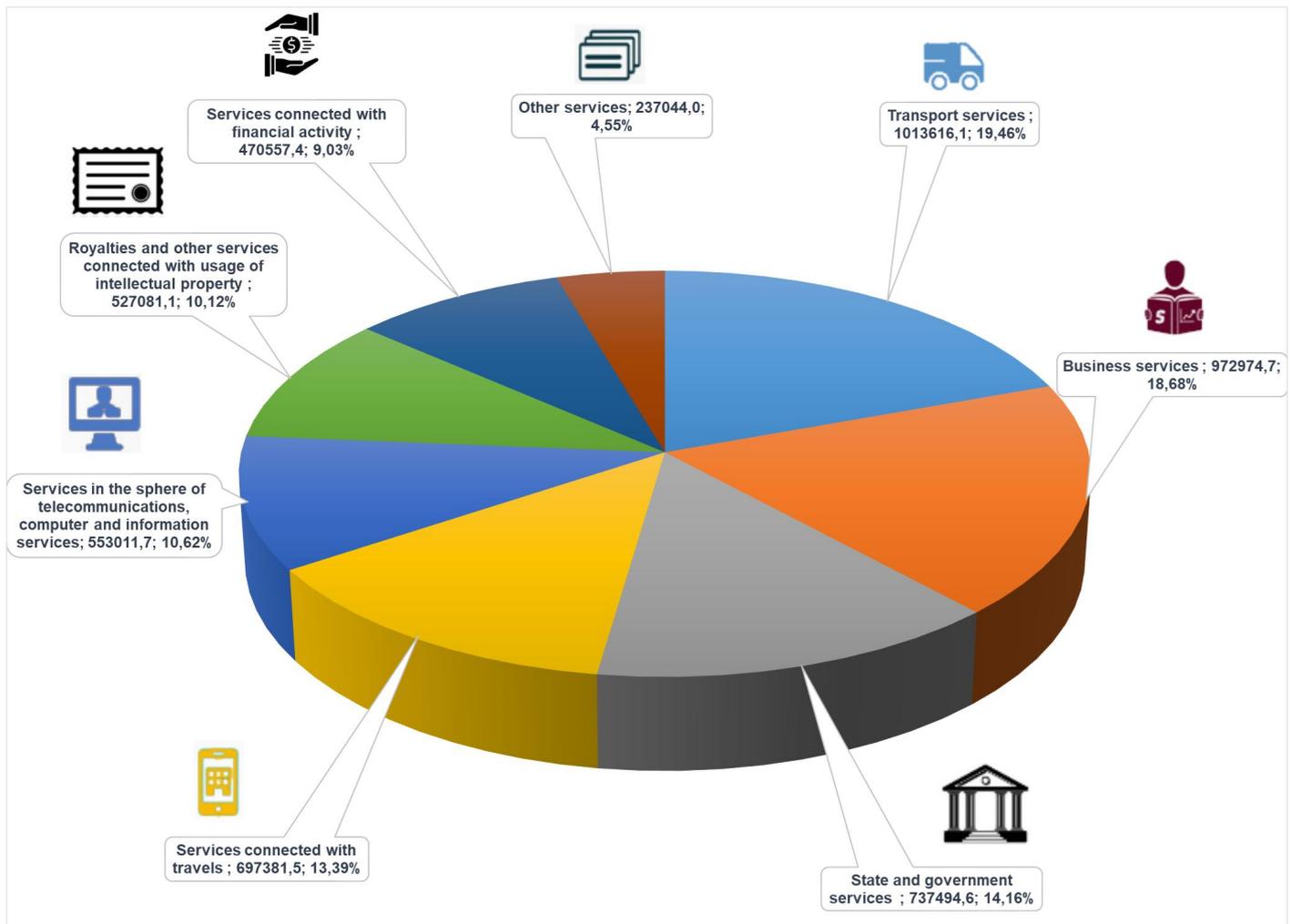
“I would also like to note that among 15 countries with a similar level of GDP per capita in terms of purchasing power parity, Ukraine ranked fifth in terms of this index,” Lazebna said.



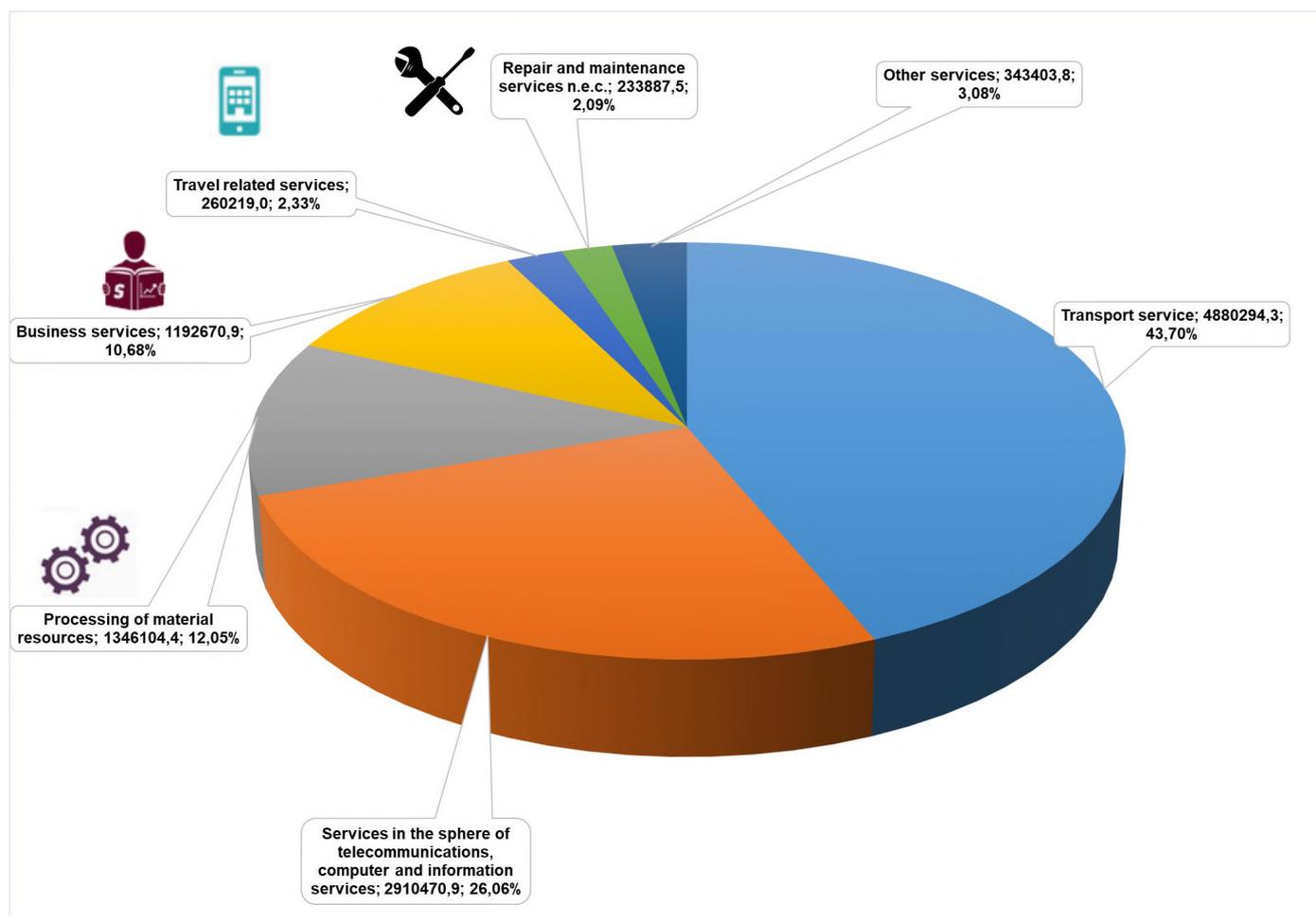
In addition, the minister noted the high assessment of Ukraine in the areas of equal access for women and men to basic knowledge, protection of property rights for women, equality of political power by gender.

“Also, Ukraine has demonstrated high rates of vulnerable employment, secondary school attainment, availability of affordable mobile telephone subscriptions, access to electricity,” the head of the Ministry of Social Policy said.

Structure of import of services in 2020



Structure of export of services for 2020



British company engaged in providing assistance to transform Ukraine's coal regions

International consulting company Environmental Resources Management (ERM, the United Kingdom) will provide assistance to the Energy Ministry in the implementation of the program for the transformation of coal regions, the Energy Ministry said. According to the report, ERM, which specializes in drafting sustainable development projects, presented a draft plan for a pilot project for the transformation of coal regions on May 13.

It is noted that in preparation for the project, British and Ukrainian specialists must determine the coal region where the pilot project will be implemented, conduct preliminary consultations with stakeholders and develop a transformation plan directly by late March 2022.



The program, which provides for drafting a project for a fair transformation of one of the coal regions of Ukraine, is funded by the British government, the Energy Ministry said.

As reported, in March this year, the Canadian mining company Black Iron, which is implementing a project to create a new iron ore project in Kryvy Rih (Dnipropetrovsk region), announced the involvement of Environmental Resources Management to conduct an environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA).



Judges reject themselves from TIU Canada’s illegal disconnection case against Nikopol Ferroalloy Plant

Judges of the Pivdenny Economic Court of Appeal Vitaliy Korsak, Olha Popikova and Oleksiy Yeysikov, appointed to consider the case on the illegal disconnection of the solar power plant of Nikopol Ekoteknik (TIU Canada) by of the Nikopol Ferroalloy Plant, rejected themselves, the Canadian company said in a press release.

As TIU Canada recalled, the company had previously filed a motion to dismiss Korsak, Popikova and Yeysikov from the hearing the case “because of warnings about the connection between the latter and oligarch Ihor Kolomoisky, who is included in the list of persons subject to U.S. government sanctions.”

Although the lawyers’ claim was not satisfied, the judges voluntarily announced their withdrawal from the case. This means that other judges will be appointed and a new date for the hearing will be scheduled, the company said in the press release.



Today, the company got a small victory in a big war. TIU Canada will continue its fight for justice in accordance with the law, TIU Canada President Michael Yurkovich said.

As reported, the 10.5 MW solar power plant was disconnected from the power grid by NFP in March 2020. TIU Canada said that NFP took advantage of the fact that the SPP was connected to a substation located on its territory, and explained the need for disconnection by repair work. The shutdown caused the company in excess of EUR1.5 million losses, which continue to grow.

As a result, Ekotekhnik Nikopol LLC (TIU Canada) filed a claim against NFP with the Kyiv Economic Court. In the middle of February, the company said it would challenge a January 26 court ruling that rejected the company's claims against NFP.

PM of Slovakia: Slovakia interested in maintaining gas transit from Russia through Ukraine

The Slovak Republic has always been a reliable transit country for Russian gas to the West through Ukraine, and it is interested in maintaining this transit through Ukraine, said Prime Minister of Slovakia Eduard Heger.

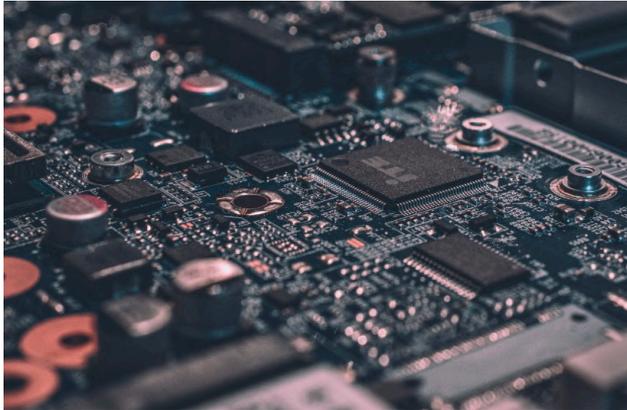
“As for the Nord Stream 2 Project, it is not in the hands of Slovakia to decide. Slovakia has always been a reliable transit country for the Russian gas to the West through the territory of Ukraine and we are definitely interested in keeping this gas transit through Ukraine. We believe the transit contract between Russia and Ukraine will be fulfilled further on,” Heger said in an exclusive interview with Interfax-Ukraine.



American IT company creates development center in Ukraine

U.S.-based IT company CognitOps, a provider of artificial intelligence-based warehouse applications, announces raising \$ 11 million within the Series A funding round.

“CognitOps, a global provider of artificial intelligence-based warehouse operating applications, announces today that it has raised \$ 11 million in a Series A round of financing. FirstMark Capital led the investment round, with all of the company’s major investors participating, including Chicago Ventures, Schematic Ventures, Haystack, and CEAS Investments. Beth Ferreira, Partner at FirstMark, will join the CognitOps Board of Directors,” the report says.



“CognitOps is tapping into a clear market need and is off to an explosive start. We believe they are at an inflection point to unleash the potential of the modern distribution center by leveraging artificial intelligence and data science at scale. The supply chain disruptions of the past 18 months have highlighted the pain points in the warehouse and have emphasized the market need for new, innovative solutions. CognitOps has only just begun to revolutionize warehouse operations and we are thrilled to be partnering with the team,” Beth Ferreira, a general partner at New York City-based firm FirstMark Capital, said.

State Automobile Road Agency of Ukraine to cooperate with US Bechtel Corporation

The State Automobile Road Agency of Ukraine (Ukravtodor) and U.S. Bechtel Corporation have signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the implementation of a project to build a bypass road around Kyiv, the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine reported on Facebook.

“The Kyiv bypass road is one of the key objects of the president’s Big Construction program, because its creation will help solve the painful transport problems of Kyiv, improve international road traffic. Joint work of Ukravtodor and one of the leaders of infrastructure projects in the world will find the best technical and financial solutions for the implementation of the project,” the press service said, citing Minister of Infrastructure Oleksandr Kubrakov.

This project provides for the construction of a half-ring with a total length of about 150 km. This will help move transit traffic flows of vehicles outside Kyiv and will connect the key highways M-07 Kyiv – Kovel, M-06 Kyiv – Chop, M-05 Kyiv – Odesa and N-01 Kyiv – Znamianka. It will further connect highways N-08 Boryspil – Mariupol and M-03 Kyiv – Kharkiv and bypass Brovary.

Bechtel Overseas Corporation is a global leader in engineering, procurement and construction.



Kärcher plans to open office complex near Ukrainian capital

The Kärcher German manufacturer of cleaning equipment plans to construct office complex and training center of the official representative office of the company in the village of Hatne (Kyiv region) by 2022.

“A 100% modern and environmentally friendly official representative office of Kärcher will be located in Kyiv region, near the village of Hatne. In addition to office premises, the largest in Ukraine Kärcher Center, an innovative training center Kärcher Academy and a service center for maintenance of equipment of a well-known manufacturer,” the press service said.



The office center will be constructed using environmentally friendly technologies and equipped with reservoirs for accumulating rainwater, solar panels, and a car wash. Water purification systems will also be introduced for educational use.

The opening of the representative office in Hatne will create new jobs: the company predicts an annual increase in staff by 10% to 15%.

“I am sure that in five to six years we will use all the premises of the new office, and colleagues from the international Kärcher chain will visit Ukraine to exchange and study at Kärcher Academy,” the company said, citing Director General of Kärcher Ukraine Ivan Bechko.

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Ukraine increases output of steel by 38% in April



World crude steel production in April this year grew by 23.3% year-on-year, to 169.5 million tonnes, according to a press release from the World Steel Association (Worldsteel).

Based on the results of the work of metallurgical enterprises in April 2021, Ukraine increased steel production by 37.8% compared with April 2020, to 1.845 million tonnes, climbing from 13th to 14th place in the ranking of 64 countries – the world’s main producers of these products compiled by Worldsteel.

In April, an increase in steel production was recorded compared with April last year in all countries of the top ten.

The top ten steel-producing countries in April 2021 are as follows: China (97.850 million tonnes, a rise of 13.4% on April 2020), India (8.3 million tonnes, a rise of 152.1%), Japan (7.817 million tonnes, a rise of 18.9%), the United States (6.896 million tonnes, a rise of 43%), Russia (6.5 million tonnes, a rise of 15.1%), South Korea (5.860 million tonnes, a rise of 15.4%), Germany (3.361 million tonnes, a rise of 31.5%), Turkey (3.290 million tonnes, a rise of 46.6%), Brazil (3.073 million tonnes, a rise of 59.3%) and Iran (2.470 million tonnes, a rise of 6.4%).

They are followed by Italy (2.056 million tonnes, a rise of 78.9%), Taiwan (China, 1.915 million tonnes, a rise of 9.1%), Vietnam (1.880 million tonnes, a rise of 77.4%), Ukraine (1.845 million tonnes, a rise of 37.8%) and Mexico (1.610 million tonnes, a rise of 21%).



Dnipropetsstal increases production of rolled products by 19%

Electrometallurgical plant Dnipropetsstal (Zaporizhia) in January-April this year increased the output of finished rolled products, according to operational data, by 19.1% compared to the same period last year – up to 56,000 tonnes. Steel production during this period increased by 13.4% – up to 76,000 tonnes, the enterprise told Interfax-Ukraine. In April, 21,000 tonnes of steel were smelted; 14,000 tonnes of rolled products were produced. As reported, Dnipropetsstal in 2020 increased the output of finished rolled products by 1.3% compared to 2019, to 154,000 tonnes, steel by 2.7%, to 225,000 tonnes.



Adonis medical group opens new clinic in Ukrainian capital

The medical group Adonis has opened a multidisciplinary clinic in Kyiv with a surgical hospital for 24 single wards. The company told, in particular, the clinic will provide services of innovative reconstructive surgery for malignant neoplasms of the stomach, conduct radiation diagnostics (computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging MRI, high-tech X-ray operating room), instrumental and laboratory diagnostics.



In addition, the clinic will provide innovative cell therapy, recovery and rehabilitation services after COVID-19.

Earlier it was reported that the Adonis medical group plans to open four branches in 2021.

Adonis is a network of private full-cycle medical centers for adults and children. The private clinic Adonis was founded over 20 years ago. The network includes ten branches in Kyiv and the region, including two of its own maternity hospitals and a stem cell laboratory. In the branches of the clinic, doctors conduct appointments in 60 medical directions.



Farmak to allocate \$ 500,000 for development of KSE

Farmak pharmaceutical company, within the framework of a strategic partnership with the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE), will allocate \$ 500,000 for the development of KSE.

According to a press release from the pharmaceutical company, in particular, the funds will be used to equip a new campus, as well as to strengthen existing and launch new educational areas, including training bachelors.

“By supporting such projects, we are contributing to the achievement of the Global Sustainable Development Goals, one of the tasks of which is to improve the quality of higher education and ensure its close connection with science,” Executive Director of Farmak Volodymyr Kostiuk said.



The press release notes that Farmak supports not only KSE, but also other educational initiatives, including the Minor Academy of Sciences, publishes books about Ukrainian scientists. The company's own scientific potential (150 scientists, 42 candidates of sciences, five doctors of sciences and an innovative R&D complex) allows providing a high level of academic expertise.

Sales of new passenger cars in Ukraine 30% up in January-April

Primary registrations of new passenger cars in Ukraine in January-April this year increased by 31% compared to the same period in 2020, to 31,100 units, Ukrautoprom reports.

According to the association, including in April, primary registrations more than tripled compared to the same month in 2020, to more than 10,000 units.

However, such a significant increase is explained by an extremely low comparison base, which was caused by the strict quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19, which were in force in Ukraine in April last year, the association notes.

Compared to March of this year, the demand for new cars in April increased by 11%.



At the same time, the sales leader changed last month: Toyota came out on top with a nearly four-fold increase in sales to 1,618 units. Renault moved down to the second place, sales of which increased by 58%, to 1,215 cars.

The third position with more than three-fold growth in sales from April 2020 was kept by Kia with 830 units. The fourth result was shown by Skoda with 616 new cars (3.4 times more), and Volkswagen closes the five leading brands with more than nine-fold growth in sales with 482 cars.

According to the above statistics, in April, the Chinese Chery moved to the sixth position in the ranking (against the 15th in April 2020) due to an almost six-fold increase in registrations (up to 416 units).

The bestseller of the month was the compact crossover KIA Sportage with 640 new cars registered.



Burger King plans to enter Ukrainian market

The American fast food chain Burger King will enter the Ukrainian market in 2021, General Manager of Bimbo QSR Ukraine Ihor Mariash has said.



“This year, we hope that such a network as Burger King will enter Ukraine, which was not in the country before, but this year they finally decided to enter,” Mariash said during a roundtable entitled “Investment Law: Projects for First Billion” held on Friday.



According to him, the network has found a partner in Ukraine. At the same time, he did not name the company.

Burger King Corporation was founded in 1954 in the United States. It is one of the largest fast food chains in the world. The network unites 17,000 restaurants around the world.

Bimbo QSR Ukraine is a part of the international bakery holding company Grupo Bimbo. In October 2017, the company bought the East Bolt Ukraine bakery (Dnipro), which produced burger buns for the international fast food chain McDonald's.

Investments in construction of Grupo Bimbo bakery in Ukraine amounts \$30 mln

Investments in the construction of a bakery of the international bakery holding company Grupo Bimbo in Kyiv region will amount to nearly \$30 million, General Manager of Bimbo QSR Ukraine Ihor Mariash has said.

“Now, our enterprise is located in Dnipro, but we feel that Ukraine is developing and we do not have enough capacity. Therefore, our management has an initiative to build a new bakery in Kyiv region. This will create an opportunity to create 200-300 jobs. Total investment about \$30 million is planned,” Mariash said during a roundtable entitled “Investment Law: Projects for First Billion”.

According to him, it is planned to build lines for the production of buns, as well as tortilla and toast bread, which are currently not produced in Ukraine.

As Head of the International Relations and Communications Department of UkraineInvest Investment Promotion Office Olena Gitlianska said earlier, the investment company is helping a Mexican investor in finding a site for the construction of a plant in Fastiv.



Donetsk regional administration offers investment projects of soda production for \$575 mln

An investment project for the construction of a soda ash plant in the suburbs of Kramatorsk (Donetsk region) involves investments in the amount of \$575 million, head of the Donetsk regional state administration Pavlo Kyrylenko said.

"We are ready to offer, with ready-made conceptual design solutions, a project for the construction of a plant for the production of soda ash [...] earlier there were plants in Sloviansk and Lysychansk (Luhansk region), but the capacities have been lost, and another such plant is in Krasnoperekopsk in Crimea," Kyrylenko said at the forum "UkraineInvest Talks: Dnipro".

According to him, this plant will solve the problem of import substitution and will allow talking about export.

According to the presentation of the investment project, the construction of a plant with a capacity of 600,000 tonnes per year is designed for three years, it is planned to create about 2,000 jobs there.

The area of the land plot is 50 hectares in the village of Raihorodok, stocks of raw materials will provide for 100 years of work. It is assumed that the implementation of the project will allow the supply of soda ash for export and will provide an inflow of foreign currency to Ukraine in the amount of at least EUR 75 million.

The head of the region also presented a project idea for the production of paper from chalk, a model of which was developed by the regional state administration. According to the presentation of the project, its cost is \$10 million, the capacity is 9,000 tonnes of paper per year, the implementation period is ten months with the creation of 100 jobs.



KSG Agro increases EBITDA in Q1 by 21%

The KSG Agro agricultural holding completed January-March 2021 with a net profit of \$750,000 versus \$3.02 million of a net loss for the same period in 2020.

According to the holding's report on the Warsaw Stock Exchange website, its revenue over this period increased by 9%, to \$3.52 million, and the company's EBITDA by 21%, to \$1.39 million.

"As of the date of these financial statements, the total balance of 'other financial liabilities' as of December 31, 2020 decreased by an additional \$9.4 million, with the current portion of this amount being \$3.4 million. Liabilities were partially settled in cash and partially due to disposal subsidiaries Agrarian Firm Vesna LLC, Trading House UAIH LLC and Soyuz-3 LLC," the agricultural holding said in the financial statements.

According to the results of the first quarter, KSG Agro increased its gross profit by 18% compared to the first quarter of 2020, to \$1.26, operating profit by 39%, to \$1.01 million.



Experts from 18 countries took part in Odessa Wine Week events

Fifteen original events about wine, winemaking and gastronomy tourism took place as part of Odessa Wine Week in Odesa from May 18 to May 23. The event aroused great interest of wine, tourist, business and media communities – about 3,000 visitors attended the locations of Odessa Wine Week these days.



The event was attended by 87 speakers and experts from Ukraine (from Odesa to Zakarpattia) and from 18 countries (from Austria to Japan).

The program consisted of activities of various directions: industry, cross-industry, educational, mass. In particular, the congress part included more than 40 topics of reports and discussions.

Winemakers, marketers, journalists discussed the prospects of the wine industry.

In particular, the discussion "The Future of Wine: the View of Winemakers" was attended by the winemaker in the fifth generation, chief winemaker of Chateau Changyu Moser XV Lenz Moser (Austria), CEO of SHABO winery Giorgi Iukuridze (Ukraine, Odesa), owner of Vinos de La Luz group of companies Ricardo Nunez (Argentina), the owner of Stakhovsky craft winery, number one tennis player in Ukraine Serhiy Stakhovsky (Ukraine, Zakarpattia), the winemaker, CEO of "PIERA 1899" Piera Martellozzo (Italy).

As a result of the discussion, the winemakers came to such conclusions about the future of wine: wine brands will become more personalized, trends on rose and sparkling wine are likely to continue, online tastings will not be able to replace traditional ones, in Ukraine, the consumption of Ukrainian wine will grow (this will not happen tomorrow, but in the near future), and there will be more wineries in Ukraine.



The moderators and participants in Odessa Wine Week events were high-class professionals: Yevhenia Nikolaichuk (the co-founder of "Like a Local's Wine Bar," a sommelier school teacher, WSET4), Tetiana Ponomarenko (the expert in wine marketing, advertising and PR, an associate professor of journalism, advertising and publishing of Odesa Mechnikov National University, the coordinator of projects on wine journalism), Volodymyr Pechko (the head of UKRSADVINPROM), Vladyslav Blumberg (the president of the Association of Winegrowers and Winemakers of Odesa region), Ivan Bachurin (the president of the Association of Sommelier of Ukraine), Anna Sarkisyan (the dean of the Faculty of Wine and Tourism at the Odesa National Academy of Food Technologies), Maksim Urakin (the sales and marketing director at Interfax-Ukraine and the editor of Open4Business), Maria Kalenska (an enogastronomic expert, the ambassador of Odesa cuisine in London).

The Odessa Wine Week program ended with *the open-air gastronomic festival "Taki Da, Vkusno" on the territory of the Odesa film studio*. The participants in the festival presented to the mass audience of visitors branded culinary products and wine brands.

Authors of the Odessa Wine Week concept:

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- Odesa National Academy of Food Technologies

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Minister Leshchenko: Ukraine can collect 100 mln tonnes of grain and oilseeds

The harvest of grains and oilseeds in the 2021/2020 marketing year may exceed 100 million tonnes, Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Roman Leshchenko said on Monday.



“If the amount of precipitation is at the same level as we see in May, then there will be an increase in soybeans as well,” the minister told Interfax-Ukraine.



According to him, the timely implementation of the complex of spring field work by the farmers makes it possible to assess the volume of the harvest in the current season with “healthy optimism.”

“We have all the prerequisites for setting an absolute record this year – the harvest of grain and oilseeds [at the level of] 100 million tonnes,” he said at a press conference in Kyiv.

As reported, the Ukrainian Grain Association (UGA) estimated the growth of the potential harvest of grains and oilseeds in the 2021/2022 marketing year by 14.5% compared to 2020/21, to 96.25 million tonnes thanks to good wintering of winter crops and favorable weather conditions.

Ukraine can export dairy products and milk to Kuwait

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the State Service for Food Safety and Consumer Protection have agreed with the competent authority of the State of Kuwait on the form of an export veterinary certificate for the supply of milk and dairy products to this country, the state food service said.

“The Gulf region, in particular Kuwait, is of interest to many Ukrainian food producers. I am pleased to announce that today we have created additional opportunities for them to earn money in this market thanks to the joint work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the State Food Service. In the long term, this will also strengthen Ukraine’s position as a supplier of agricultural and food products to Kuwait,” Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said.



A unique rehabilitation program for patients with post-COVID syndrome has been developed in Truskavets



It is known that the so-called “post-COVID syndrome,” or the duration of symptoms of coronavirus disease, can last 12 weeks or more from the onset of the disease. The symptoms can occur from any system of the patient’s body, but most often it is the respiratory, cardiovascular, nervous and digestive systems.

Also among the symptoms of “post-COVID syndrome” are neurological disorders, such as prolonged weakness even after a mild course of the disease, sleep disturbances and severe weakness. Cognitive disorders are also common – impaired memory and functions of the higher nervous system.

Ukrainian experts and their colleagues from the EU in the United States recommend restorative therapy, physical rehabilitation, proper nutrition and normal sleep. Patients with clear complaints need additional examination and correction if necessary.

The Dnipro-Beskyd health resort became the first one in Truskavets where a comprehensive rehabilitation program after COVID-19 using unique mineral waters was developed and implemented.

Today, tens of thousands of Ukrainians suffer from post-COVID syndrome, many need long-term rehabilitation. The virus aggressively attacks the lungs, and complications can spread to the nervous, cardiovascular and digestive systems. Therefore, specialists from Dnipro-Beskyd together with scientists from the Ukrainian Research Institute of Medical Rehabilitation and Balneology of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine have developed effective methods that have already helped many return to normal life.

The rehabilitation program for patients with post-COVID syndrome in the Dnipro-Beskyd health and hotel complex is unique and exclusive, because only here there is an opportunity to conduct effective rehabilitation using Pomiretska Naftusya mineral water.

It has been known since 1836, has no analogues in the world, the composition of beneficial bacteria is ten times greater than in all existing analogues, while mineralization is much less, which allows faster digesting by the human body. It has been scientifically proven that Naftusya is the only “living water” in the world that strengthens human immunity. The healing properties of Naftusya were first described in the Cephice works by royal (Polish) physician Wojciech Oczko in 1578. Water is received in the world’s first pump room with a contactless access system in Europe.

Also, only patients of Dnipro-Beskyd undergo rehabilitation with the use of natural hydrogen sulfide mineral water from well No. 123, one of the oldest sources, known since 1836.

During the baths, hydrogen sulfide enters the human body through the skin and mucous membranes, as well as through the lungs during respiration. As a result of its action, hydrogen sulfide normalizes blood pressure, increases blood flow and slows heart rate, improves metabolism, reduces the manifestations of various inflammatory processes, strengthens intervertebral cartilaginous discs, increases oxygen consumption and pulmonary ventilation. Hydrogen sulfide baths help normalize the immune and nervous systems. Patients become calm, their sleep and mood improve.

The use of unique mineral waters in combination with a modern medical and diagnostic base and highly qualified medical staff makes the program as effective as possible. This allows you to return to a normal lifestyle in the shortest possible time.

Patients who have already undergone the rehabilitation program note significant improvements, after the first days of treatment they can move without shortness of breath, cough decreases, sleep and general condition improve.

Video review

Rehabilitation is needed for patients with complaints of cough, poor sleep, fatigue, and cardiovascular disease. Specialists of Dnipro-Beskyd have developed an individual rehabilitation program for such patients. Those who have suffered from pneumonia are offered procedures to help repair the lungs affected by COVID-19.

The cost of the rehabilitation program includes accommodation, food, diagnosis and treatment, the cost of the program starts from UAH 720 per day, there are also promotional offers.

Find out more on the official website of the Dnipro-Beskyd health-hotel complex – <https://beskyd.com.ua>

Retail trade turnover of Ukraine in April accelerates to 34%

The retail trade turnover of Ukraine in April 2021 compared to the same month in 2020 in comparable prices increased 34.3%, while in March it grew by 13.1%, the State Statistics Service has reported. The largest growth in retail trade turnover of enterprises (legal entities and individual entrepreneurs) in the first four months of 2021 was recorded in Chernivtsi (by 26.9%), Ternopil (by 25.2%), Zakarpattia (by 22.1%), Kyiv (by 20.1%), Vinnytsia (19.5%), Lviv (16.7%), Khmelnytsky (16.2%), Ivano-Frankivsk (16%), Luhansk (15.9%), Chernihiv and Zhytomyr (15.2%) regions.



According to the State Statistics Service, in April compared to March 2021, retail turnover decreased 6.5%.

In January-April 2021, compared to the same reporting period in 2020, retail trade turnover grew by 14%.



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