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COP29: We will contribute to the climate change solutions

COP29

Amid global challenges posed by climate change, this year's regular COP summit - the 29th session of Conference of the Parties (COP 29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - will be hosted in Azerbaijan. The decision was made at the plenary session of COP28 that took place in Dubai on December 11, 2023. So far, Azerbaijan has hosted lots of international events and done it worthily. However, as President Ilham Aliyev said, COP29 is beyond all comparison with the events which have been organized thus far. Baku will become the center of the world for two weeks and host about 70,000-80,000 foreign visitors. Thus, 30 years after the signing of the Contract of the Century (Azeri-Chirag-Deepwater Gunashli PSA, dated September 20, 1994), Baku will become a decision-making center in the field of renewable energy. Perhaps, shaped here will be the future of the world oil-gas industry which also took start with the drilling of the first oil well close to Bibi Heybat settlement in the 19th century.

In line with this mission, 2024 was declared Green World Solidarity Year in accordance with the Azerbaijan Republic President Ilham Aliyev's order. "Concurrently, Azerbaijan will underscore its standing as an oil and gas nation, emphasizing to the global community our commitment to green energy initiatives. The focal points of our current energy policy revolve around the development of green energy and the facilitation of its transport to global markets. This commitment reflects a tangible reality, and the international community will once again witness it", President Ilham Aliyev said at the meeting regarding the hosting of COP29 in Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan is one of the countries with the high potential of renewable energy sources. According to the data of Ministry of Energy, the technical potential of the country's onshore renewable energy sources makes 135 GW and offshore is 157 GW. The economic potential of renewable sources of energy is 27GW, including wind energy - 3,000 MW, solar energy -23,000 MW, and the bioenergy potential – 380 MW. The potential of mountain streams is estimated at 520 MW.

Besides, President of the Azerbaijan Republic announced about creation of the green energy zone within the liberated territories of the Republic, and the action plan for 2022-2026 was approved. The plan is to make those territories a net zero-emission zone by 2050.

Temperature rise on Earth exceeds projections for 2100

The hottest year in human history. Global warming is continuing firmly in 2024 after 2023, the hottest year ever recorded.

Meteorologists have confirmed what they forecasted back in the summer – the year 2023 was officially confirmed as the warmest year on record since 1850, BBC writes. Average annual temperature went 1.48°C above pre-industrial level and the mankind reached one of the two points mentioned in the Paris agreement, beyond which scientists predict climate change-driven catastrophic consequences for life on Earth.

On January 9, the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) researchers published an annual climate survey which says the year 2023 has surpassed the previous record of 2016 by a wide margin.

"2023 marks the first time on record that every day within a year has exceeded 1°C above the 1850-1900 pre-industrial level for that time of year. Close to 50% of days were more than 1.5°C warmer than the 1850-1900 level, and two days in November were, for the first time, more than 2°C warmer", says the survey.

As is known, in 2015, 197 nations came together to sign the Paris Climate Agreement and agreed to pursue all necessary efforts to cap the rise in average global temperatures at well below 1.5-2°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100.

As stated by scientists, to reach that goal, all the world countries must fully stop using fossil fuel by the year 2050, redirecting their economies to other tracks.

To reach the goals of the Paris agreement is becoming increasingly difficult. The last nine years have been the hottest on record, with a large margin.

"2023 was an "exceptional year, with climate records tumbling like dominoes. Temperatures during 2023 likely exceed those of any period in at least the last 100,000 years", commented one of the officials of the Copernicus Climate Change Service, Samantha Burgess.

Warm ocean

The Copernicus data says that the last year's global average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) remained persistently and unusually high in most ocean basins, and in particular in the North Atlantic, and played an important role in the record-breaking global SSTs.

The ocean plays a major role for world climate as it covers more than 70% of Earth's surface and absorbed 90% of the warming that has occurred in recent decades. At a depth of several tens of meters there is as much heat as in the Earth's whole atmosphere.

The warmer the ocean gets, the lower becomes its ability to absorb energy and sooth temperatures rise on the planet as a whole. There is no good news here: according to NASA, the last 10 years were the ocean's warmest decade since at least the 1800s.

Each month between June and December 2023 was warmer than any other relevant month of previous years. The New Year has offered no relief.

"December 2023 was the hottest December on record. It is likely that the temperature over the 12 months ending in January or February will surpass 1.5°C above pre-industrial level", NASA warns.

How is the wind energy sector doing

On January 3, bp and the Norwegian oil giant Equinor announced that they would halt developing a part of their wind farm project off the coast of New York. Inflation and

high interest rates caused soaring costs. In 2023, both companies recorded $840 (about 120 billion yen) million-worth impairment losses due to the state's offshore wind industry development.

A decision to cancel Empire Wind 2 project was made. It is one of three offshore wind farm projects that both companies implement jointly off the state coast. Its generative capacity is expected at 1.26 million KW upon commissioning.

The decision recognizes commercial conditions driven by inflation, high interest rates and supply chain disruptions. As the result, development costs rose higher than expected. In the USA, offshore wind power companies started recording losses one after another in the second half of 2023.

European energy giants Orsted, Equinor and BP announced about general losses, worth around 740 billion yen, on projects in the USA. Inflation, high interest rates and supply chain disruptions caused the rise of operating costs. BP's executive said the U.S. offshore wind industry is "fundamentally broken", which presents an obstacle for Biden's administration aspiring to stimulate the development of renewable energy sources.

Oil-gas asset impairments

On January 8, Shell flagged that it expects impairment charges of up to $4.5 billion (around 650 billion yen) for the period between October and December 2023, mainly driven by the assets linked to its Singapore refining and chemicals hub. It is reported that Shell is looking to sell its Singapore-based assets amid the rising headwinds toward fossil fuels.

This is stated in the fourth quarter 2023 outlook, published on the same day. Shell's crude oil refining capacity in Singapore totals 230,700 tons per day.

On January 4, the US oil giant Exxon Mobil (XOM.N) warned of a $2.5 billion writedown of its assets in California that it is going to record in the fourth quarter (Q4) earnings of 2023.

Operating income is anticipated at around $8.9bn, i.e. 30% below the $12.7 bn net profit for the same period of the previous year, and can decrease by 3% compared to the previous period.

Oil-gas assets in the south coast of California are expected to incur a $2.4 billion to $2.6 billion impairment charge because of the continuing challenges in the state regulatory environment.

The 4Q operating profit is expected to be by $2.2bn lower compared to the previous quarter indicator because of the decline of oil prices and decrease of fuel profitability. Meanwhile, it is expected that the price growth for natural gas will raise operating profits by around $600bn.

Contradictions

In fact, the lack of clearly defined scientific, technical, commercial and legal regulations spelling out the concept of environmentally sound production, as well as the absence of a single and coherent program of actions helping to focus business chains on global clean energy projects, lead to contradictions and at times to mutually opposing actions of certain market entities in the face of energy shortage as the concept of economy's 'energy security' begins prevailing over its environmental component.

Alok Sharma, President of the Cop26 Glasgow climate summit in 2021, criticized the UK government, saying it was "not serious" about meeting its international climate commitments.

The oil-gas bill which will allow for an annual licensing regime for oil and gas exploration contracts is debated by the parliament deputies. As he stated, the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill, the central element of the King's last year speech, "aims to boost the development of new oil and gas fields".

Sharma's comments came after another former minister Chris Skidmore resigned because of the bill.

Sharma told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "I will not be voting for this bill. The Bill is a "total distraction" and "a smoke and mirrors Bill which frankly changes nothing".

He added: "What this bill does do is reinforce that unfortunate perception about the UK rowing back from climate action."

"We saw this last autumn with the chopping and changing of some policies and actually not being serious about our international commitments". Late in 2023, at Cop28 the UK government signed up to transition away from fossil fuels.

"This bill is actually about doubling

down on new oil and gas licenses. It is actually the opposite of what we agreed to do internationally, so I won't be supporting it."

Confronted with the situation of "holding a tit (the oil-gas industry) in the hand, leaving a crane (the renewable energy sector) soaring in the sky", Great Britain chooses to continue developing its offshore upstream sector.

Manipulation

In the meantime, oil prices drifted lower as Saudi Arabia – one of the major world oil producers – announced its decision to cut February prices for all grades of crude it is selling to buyers in all regions, including Asia, Northwestern Europe, the Mediterranean and North America.

In February, Saudi Arabia will cut prices for all crude oil grades sold to all the regions, public company Saudi Aramco said. In particular, official selling prices (OSP) for crude it is selling to Asian customers will be decreased by $2 per barrel, and as a result, Arab Light crude, the major grade of crude supplied to Asia, will cost $1.5 cheaper than the Oman/Dubai basket. It has been the minimum spread since November 2021.

The discount is applicable to supplies to Northwestern Europe, the Mediterranean and North America. Crude prices fell by 4% on this news.

According to Reuters, the price cut, the biggest in 13 months, is in line with market expectations, as refiners called for competitive prices from Saudi Arabia comparing to crude oil supplied from other Middle Eastern producers. Global crude prices declined in 2023 for the first time since 2020, the Agency emphasizes.

One can only guess the way such steps will affect the prospects of the oil-gas industry (oil refining, petrochemistry) and green energy transition.

Oil-gas output growth

International Energy Agency (IEA) has raised its forecast on world oil output for the year 2023: now, it expects world output to lift by 1.8 mb/d to 101.9 mb/d, says the monthly report of the agency. Last month, the agency forecasted oil production to increase by 1.8 million b/d to 101.8 million b/d for the year 2023.

"General growth of oil production by 1.8 mb/d will increase world supply to 101.9 mb/d in 2023, the highest level in history", says the December report.

According to the agency, such indicators were driven by the growth of production in the USA, Brazil and Iran, which surpassed the early predictions.

For the year 2024, IEA sees a sharp production increase - by 1.2 mb/d, up to a new record level of 103.2 mb/d - at the expense of non-OPEC+ producers.

The Board of Directors of Gazprom PJSC, a potentially leading world gas producer, notes that the recovery of world demand for energy resources was observed during 2023. Meanwhile, geopolitical factors, prevailing of politically-driven decisions in the energy policy of a number of countries, high energy security risks and price volatility continue impacting negatively on the world energy sector.

The most striking crisis phenomena occurred in the European gas market where artificial destruction of demand for natural gas has been taking place for the first time in world energy history. According to preliminary estimates, gas consumption in far-off European countries fell by 34 bcm within 11 months of 2023 and remains on the level of 1996.

Unlike 2022, gas production in this region started falling again. According to the results of 11 months of 2023, the output fell by 18 bcm, including production by a major producer (Norway) – by 9 bcm. Thus, energy security risks are rising considerably in the European countries, especially in winter months.

The substantial growth for gas demand has been registered this year in the Asia-Pacific region. China was the engine of the gas consumption growth. Global investments in exploration and production of hydrocarbons in 2023 amounted to 124% of the 2020 level. The company's board of directors also noted that fossil fuels will remain the basis of the global energy mix in the long term, and the share of natural gas in the global energy mix will keep growing.

Amid the decline of Russian pipeline gas supplies, a surge in demand for LNG has occurred in the EU. By 2026, LNG producers will have commissioned new liquefaction capacities with the volume of over 100 mtpa, says the annual report of the International Group of Liquefied Natural Gas Importers (GIIGNL). Total capacities of LNG plants will rise by 21% to over 576.5 mtpa.

Liquefaction trains with a total capacity of 14.9 mtpa were commissioned in 2022. Total capacity of LNG plants across the world rose by 3% to 476.5 mtpa. General LNG supplies around the world increased by 4.5% up to 389.2 ml tons in 2022, says the report of GIIGNL.

According to GIIGNL report, LNG import to Europe grew by 59.5% up to 119.7 ml tons in 2022 that led to the decline of supplies to other regions. Import to Asia dropped by 7.6% down to 251.9 ml tons, North and South America – by 39.6% down to 10.9 ml tons. As the result, Asia's share in the global import fell from 73% to 65%, and Europe's share grew from 20% to 31%.

Amid this, Pakistan, Bangladesh and other countries encountered gas shortage due to the lack of pipeline gas imports, decrease of its domestic production and world price growth on LNG, says the report. The delay in launch of LNG supply to the Philippines and Vietnam was another reason for price growth. LNG supply to China fell by 20%, from 79.3 mln down to 63.3 mln tons.

High natural gas prices driven by political risks, and global energy security risks will slow down the growth of developing economies, raise inflation in the developed markets, limiting the expansion of global production and supply chains of high-value added goods, as well as slowing down production and global economic growth. This, in turn, increases risks and negatively impacts on investments in environmentally-clean projects, and creates a vicious circle of further growth of CO2 emissions, industrial pollution and rise of global temperature which have already exceeded projections made earlier by 2100.

COP29: Мы внесём свой вклад в решение вопросов изменения климата

COP29

На фоне глобальных проблем, связанных с изменением климата, в этом году Азербайджан станет хозяином очередного Саммита COP29 - в Азербайджане пройдет 29-я сессия Конференции сторон Рамочной конвенции ООН об изменении климата – COP29. Решение об этом было принято на пленарном заседании COP28, состоявшемся в Дубае 11 декабря 2023 года. До сих пор Азербайджан принимал множество международных мероприятий и достойно проводил их. Однако, как сказал Президент Ильхам Алиев, COP29 не идет ни в какое сравнение с мероприятиями, организованными до сих пор.

В течение двух недель Баку станет центром мира и примет около 70-80 тысяч иностранных гостей. Таким образом спустя 30 лет после подписания (20 сентября 1994 года контракта века по месторождениям "Азери", Чыраг", "глубоководная часть "Гюнешли"), Баку станет центром принятия решений в сфере возобновляемой энергетики. Вероятно здесь решится судьба мировой нефтегазовой отрасли, начало которой также было положено бурением первой нефтяной скважины близ местечка Биби-Эйбат в 19 веке.

В соответствии с этой миссией Распоряжением Президента Азербайджанской Республики Ильхама Алиева 2024 год был объявлен в Азербайджане «Годом солидарности во имя зеленого мира».

«Азербайджан как нефтегазовая страна проявит себя и в этой сфере, и каждый в мире еще раз увидит, что наша повестка дня связана с «зеленой» энергией. Создание «зеленых» видов энергии и транспортировка «зеленой» энергии на мировые рынки в настоящее время являются приоритетом нашей энергетической политики. Такова реальность, и весь мир еще раз увидит это», – подчеркнул Президент Ильхам Алиев на состоявшемся совещании в связи с проведением в стране COP29.

Азербайджан является одной из стран с высоким потенциалом возобновляемых источников энергии. Согласно данным Министерства энергетики, технический потенциал возобновляемых источников энергии страны составляет 135 ГВт на суше и 157 ГВт на море. Экономический потенциал возобновляемых источников энергии составляет 27 ГВт, в том числе энергии ветра – три тысячи мегаватт, солнечной энергии – 23 тысячи мегаватт, биоэнергетический потенциал – 380 мегаватт. Потенциал горных рек оценивается в объеме 520 мегаватт

Кроме того, Президент Азербайджанской Республики объявил о создании зоны «зеленой» энергии на освобожденных от оккупации территориях Азербайджанской Республики, был утвержден план действий на 2022-2026 годы. К 2050 году планируется превратить эти территории в зону «чистых нулевых выбросов».

Рост температуры на Земле превысил планируемый уровень 2100 года

Самый жаркий год в истории. Глобальное потепление уверенно продолжается в 2024 году после рекордного 2023-го.

Метеорологи подтвердили то, о чем догадывались еще летом - 2023 год официально стал самым жарким за всю историю наблюдений с 1850 года, пишет BBC. Среднегодовая температура на 1,48°C превысила доиндустриальный уровень, и человечество оказалось на первом из двух упомянутых в Парижском соглашении рубежей, за которыми ученые предрекают катастрофические последствия изменения климата для жизни на земле.

Исследователи из климатического центра Коперника при Евросоюзе опубликовали во вторник - 9 января ежегодный климатический обзор, в котором говорится, что 2023 год побил предыдущий рекорд 2016 года с большим отрывом.

«В 2023 году впервые за всю историю наблюдений каждый день в течение года превышал на 1°C доиндустриальный уровень 1850–1900 годов. Практически каждый второй день был более чем на 1,5°C теплее, чем в 1850–1900 годах, а два дня в ноябре впервые пробили рубеж в 2°C», - говорится в обзоре.

Как известно, в 2015 году 197 стран мира подписали Парижское климатическое соглашение, договорившись принять все необходимые меры, чтобы к 2100 году средние температуры на планете не превысили доиндустриальные значения на 1,5-2°C.

Как в один голос уверяют ученые, для этого все страны мира должны полностью отказаться от использования ископаемого топлива, переведя экономику на другие рельсы, не позже 2050 года.

Достичь целей Парижского соглашения всё труднее. Последние девять лет оказались самыми жаркими в истории, причем с серьезным отрывом.

«2023 выдался исключительным годом. Климатические рекорды падали один за другим. Судя по всему, он оказался самым теплым за последние 100 тысяч лет», - прокомментировала отчет одна из руководителей центра Коперника Саманта Берджес.

Теплый океан

Согласно данным центра Коперника, средняя глобальная температура поверхности моря в прошлом году оставалась устойчиво и необычно высокой в большинстве океанических бассейнов, особенно в Северной Атлантике, что сыграло важную роль в повышении глобальных температур в целом.

Океан имеет ключевое значение для климата, поскольку покрывает более 70% поверхности Земли и абсорбирует 90% глобального потепления последних десятилетий. На глубине всего несколько десятков метров хранится столько же тепла, сколько во всей атмосфере Земли.

Чем теплее океан, тем ниже его способность поглощать энергию и сглаживать повышение температур на планете в целом. И тут нет хороших новостей: по данным американского НАСА, всё последнее десятилетие температура воды была рекордной по меньшей мере за 200 лет.

С июня по декабрь 2023 года каждый месяц был теп-

лее, чем соответствующий месяц в любом из предыдущих годов. Новый год не принес облегчения.

«Декабрь 2023 года стал самым теплым за всю историю наблюдений в мире. Вполне вероятно, что температура за 12 месяцев, заканчивающихся в январе или феврале 2024 года, превысит доиндустриальный уровень на 1,5°C», — предупреждают они.

Что с ветроэнергетикой

Британская компания BP и норвежский нефтяной гигант Equinor объявили 3-го января, что они приостановят часть своего морского ветроэнергетического проекта у побережья Нью-Йорка, США. Издержки бизнеса увеличились из-за инфляции и высоких процентных ставок. Обе компании зафиксировали убытки от обесценения на общую сумму 840 миллионов долларов (около 120 миллиардов иен) в 2023 году в связи с развитием морской ветроэнергетики у побережья штата.

Было принято решение отменить проект «Империя Ветра 2». Это один из трех морских ветроэнергетических проектов, которые две компании реализуют у побережья штата. Ожидается, что при вводе в эксплуатацию его мощность составит 1,26 миллиона киловатт.

Причиной этого решения является ухудшение деловой среды. Инфляция, высокие процентные ставки и сбои в цепочках поставок в совокупности привели к тому, что затраты на разработку выросли выше, чем ожидалось. В США оффшорные ветроэнергетические компании начали один за другим фиксировать убытки во второй половине 2023 года.

Европейские энергетические гиганты Orsted, Equinor и BP объявили об общих убытках примерно в 740 миллиардов иен по проектам в США. Инфляция, высокие процентные ставки и сбои в цепочках поставок привели к увеличению операционных расходов. 1-го числа руководитель компании BP заявил, что оффшорная ветроэнергетика США «рушится», что является препятствием для администрации Байдена, стремящейся стимулировать развитие возобновляемых источников энергии.

Обесценивание нефтегазовых активов

Shell объявила 8-го января, что ожидает зарегистрировать убыток от обесценивания в размере до $4,5 млрд (приблизительно 650 млрд иен) в период с октября по декабрь 2023 года. Нефтеперерабатывающие и химические заводы компании, расположенные в основном в Сингапуре, подвержены убыткам от обесценивания. Сообщается, что Shell рассматривает возможность продажи своих активов в Сингапуре на фоне растущих препятствий в отношении ископаемого топлива.

Об этом говорится в прогнозе на октябрь-декабрь 2023 года, опубликованном в тот же день. Мощность Shell по переработке сырой нефти в Сингапуре составляет 230 700 тонн в день.

Американский нефтяной гигант Exxon Mobil (XOM.N) предупредил 4 января, что в своих финансовых результатах за четвертый квартал 2023 года он зафиксирует убыток от обесценивания активов в Калифорнии в размере около $2,5 млрд.

Операционная прибыль составит около $8,9 млрд, что на 30% ниже, чем $12,7 млрд чистой прибыли за тот же период прошлого года, и может снизиться на 3% по сравнению с предыдущим периодом.

Ожидается, что нефтегазовые активы на южном побережье Калифорнии понесут убытки от обесценивания в размере от 2,4 до 2,6 миллиардов долларов из-за «постоянных проблем в нормативно-правовой базе штата».

Ожидается, что операционная прибыль в четвертом квартале будет ниже примерно на 2,2 миллиарда долларов по сравнению с предыдущим кварталом из-за падения цен на сырую нефть и сокращения рентабельности топлива. Между тем, ожидается, что рост цен на природный газ увеличит операционную прибыль примерно на 600 миллионов долларов.

Противоречия

На самом деле отсутствие четко определенных научных, технических, коммерческих и юридических норм, определяющих понятие экологически чистой добычи, а также единой, скоординированной программы действий, позволяющей сосредоточить цепочки бизнеса на глобальных энергетически чистых проектах, приводит к противоречиям и порой взаимоисключающим действиям отдельных субъектов рынка перед лицом дефицита самой энергии, когда понятие "энергетическая безопасность" экономики начинает перевешивать ее экологическую составляющую.

Так Алок Шарма, который был президентом климатического саммита COP26 в Глазго в 2021 году, обвинил британское правительство в том, что оно «несерьезно» относится к своим международным климатическим обязательствам.

Законопроект о нефти и газе, который позволит установить ежегодный режим лицензирования для контрактов на разведку нефти и газа обсуждается депутатами. Законопроект о лицензировании морской добычи нефти, центральный элемент речи короля в прошлом году, как он утверждал, "явно способствует нефтегазодобыче".

Комментарии Шармы прозвучали после того, как другой бывший министр, Крис Скидмор, подал в отставку из-за законопроекта.

Шарма заявил в программе «Сегодня» BBC Radio 4: «Я не буду голосовать за этот законопроект, и в том виде, в котором он сейчас составлен, этот законопроект полностью отвлекает внимание. На самом деле это законопроект о дыме и зеркалах, который, откровенно говоря, ничего не меняет.

Он добавил: «Этот законопроект действительно укрепляет это печальное представление о том, что Великобритания отказывается от борьбы с изменением климата».

«Мы видели это прошлой осенью, когда некоторые программы были сокращены и изменены, а на самом деле мы несерьезно относились к нашим международным обязательствам". В конце 2023-го года на COP28 правительство Великобритании подписало соглашение об отказе от ископаемого топлива.

«На самом деле этот законопроект касается удвоения количества новых лицензий на добычу нефти и газа. Это противоположно тому, что мы договорились делать на международном уровне, поэтому я не буду это поддерживать».

Оказавшись в ситуации "удержать синицу (нефтегазовую отрасль) в руках, оставляя журавля (возобновляемую энергетику) свободно парить в небе", Великобритания выбирает продолжение развития своего офшорного upstream.

Рынки

В то же время один из ведущих мировых производителей нефти - Саудовская Аравия сообщила о снижении цены на все сорта нефти в феврале.

Коснется это покупателей во всех регионах, включая Азию, северо-западную Европу, Средиземноморье и Северную Америку. На этом фоне на торгах цены на нефть пошли вниз.

Саудовская Аравия в феврале понизит цены на все сорта нефти для всех регионов, сообщила госкомпания

Saudi Aramco. В частности, цены для азиатских покупателей будут уменьшены на 2 доллара за баррель, и в результате Arab Light - основной сорт нефти, поставляемый в Азию, - будет стоить на 1,5 доллара меньше, чем корзина нефти Омана и Дубая. Это минимальный спред с ноября 2021 года.

Скидка распространяется на поставки в северо-западную Европу, Средиземноморье и Северную Америку. На этой новости цены на нефть обвалились на 4%.

Reuters сообщает, что крупнейшее за 13 месяцев снижение цен Saudi Aramco в целом соответствует ожиданиям рынка, так как нефтеперерабатывающие компании требовали от Саудовской Аравии конкурентоспособных цен по сравнению с нефтью, поставляемой другими ближневосточными производителями. Мировые цены на нефть снизились в 2023 году впервые с 2020 года, подчеркивает агентство.

Как такие шаги отразятся на перспективах нефтегазовой отрасли (нефтепереработки, нефтехимии) и перспективах перехода на возобновляемые источники, остается только догадываться.

Рост добычи нефти и газа

Международное энергетическое агентство (МЭА) повысило прогноз по мировой добыче нефти на 2023 год: теперь ожидает ее увеличения на 1,8 миллиона баррелей в сутки - до рекордных 101,9 миллиона баррелей в сутки, следует из ежемесячного доклада агентства. В прошлом месяце агентство прогнозировало рост добычи нефти в 2023 году на 1,7 миллиона баррелей в сутки - до 101,8 миллиона баррелей в сутки.

"Общий рост добычи нефти на 1,8 миллиона баррелей в сутки увеличит мировое предложение в 2023 году до 101,9 миллиона баррелей в сутки, это самый высокий уровень за всю историю", - говорится в декабрьском докладе.

По мнению агентства, на такие показатели повлиял рост добычи в США, Бразилии и Иране, который превзошел ранние прогнозы.

В 2024 году МЭА прогнозирует резкий рост добычи за счет стран-производителей, не входящих в ОПЕК+, - на 1,2 миллиона баррелей в сутки, до "нового рекордного уровня" в 103,2 миллиона баррелей в сутки.

Совет директоров ПАО «Газпром» - потенциально ведущий мировой производитель газа отмечает, что в течение 2023 года в мире наблюдалось восстановление спроса на энергоресурсы. При этом геополитические факторы, преобладание политически мотивированных решений в энергополитике ряда стран, высокие риски

энергетической безопасности и ценовая волатильность продолжают оказывать негативное влияние на мировую энергетику.

Наиболее ярко кризисные явления проявились на европейском газовом рынке, где впервые в истории мировой энергетики происходит искусственное разрушение спроса на природный газ. По предварительным оценкам, за 11 месяцев 2023 года потребление газа в странах европейского дальнего зарубежья снизилось на 34 млрд куб. м и находится на уровне 1996 года. При этом, в отличие от 2022 года, добыча газа в этом регионе вновь перешла в фазу падения. По итогам 11 месяцев 2023 года она снизилась на 18 млрд куб. м, в том числе, у основного производителя - Норвегии - на 9 млрд куб. м. Таким образом, в европейских странах значительно повышаются риски энергетической безопасности, особенно в зимние месяцы.

Существенный рост спроса на газ в текущем году был зафиксирован в странах Азиатско-Тихоокеанского региона. Локомотивом роста потребления газа стал Китай. Мировые инвестиции в разведку и добычу углеводородов в 2023 году составили 124% к уровню 2020 года. На заседании Совета директоров Газпром отмечено, что ископаемые виды топлива останутся основой мирового энергетического баланса в долгосрочной перспективе, роль природного газа в мировом энергобалансе продолжит расти.

При этом на фоне падения поставок российского трубопроводного газа в ЕС произошел скачок спроса на СПГ. Производители сжиженного природного газа (СПГ) к 2026 г. введут в эксплуатацию новые мощности по сжижению объемом более 100 млн т в год, говорится в ежегодном обзоре Международной группы импортеров СПГ (GIIGNL). Суммарные мощности СПГ-заводов вырастут на 21% более чем до 576,5 млн т в год.

В 2022 г. были запущены линии по сжижению общим объемом 14,9 млн т в год. Суммарная мощность СПГ-заводов в мире выросла на 3% до 476,5 млн т в год. Общие поставки СПГ в 2022 г. в мире увеличились на 4,5% до 389,2 млн т, говорится в докладе GIIGNL.

Импорт СПГ в Европу, согласно данным GIIGNL, в 2022 г. увеличился на 59,5% до 119,7 млн т, что привело к снижению поставок в другие регионы. Импорт в Азию снизился на 7,6% до 251,9 млн т, в Северную и Южную Америку – на 39,6% до 10,9 млн т. В результате доля Азии в мировом импорте снизилась с 73 до 65%, а доля Европы выросла с 20 до 31%.

Пакистан и Бангладеш и другие страны на этом фоне столкнулись с дефицитом газа ввиду отсутствия импорта трубопроводного газа, сокращения его внутреннего производства и роста мировых цен на СПГ, отмечается в обзоре. Другим последствием роста цен стала отсрочка начала поставок СПГ на Филиппины и во Вьетнам. Поставки СПГ в Китай снизились на 20% с 79,3 млн до 63,3 млн т.

Высокие цены на газ, мотивированные политическими рисками, риски глобальной энергетической безопасности, будут тормозить рост развивающихся экономик, увеличивать инфляцию на развитых рынках, ограничивая расширение глобальных цепочек производства и поставок товаров высокой добавленной стоимости, притормаживая производство и мировой экономический рост. Что, в свою очередь увеличивает риски и негативно отражается на инвестировании экологически чистых проектов, создавая замкнутый круг дальнейшего роста выбросов углекислого газа, индустриального загрязнения окружающей среды и роста температуры глобального потепления, которые уже превысили запланированный ранее уровень 2100 года.

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Ilham Aliyev: We have great plans

The Karabakh region of the Azerbaijan Republic will be a budget 'recipient' in the nearest years, but in the medium term, Azerbaijan's GDP will significantly grow driven by the integration of the liberated region. In less than a day, Baku established full control over the entire territory of the country after performing the anti-terrorist operation in the Karabakh economic region on September 20, 2023.

Earlier in 2020, the successful counter-offensive operation launched by the Azerbaijani army in Karabakh on September 27 and continued till November 8, resulted in the liberation of 5 cities, 3 settlements and over 215 villages within 44 days. Thus, two military operations put an end to a multi-year cycle of occupation, defiance of the United Nations resolutions on the return of lands, and devastation and desolation of 20% of Azerbaijan's territory. Full restoration work is currently underway on the liberated lands, including construction of roads, settlements, airports, and telecommunication infrastructure. According to the envisaged investment program, expenditures on Karabakh and East Zangazur amounted to around 12 billion AZN by the end of 2023 (investments made in the year 2022 - 2.4 billion). Initial results have been achieved in a short period of time – Karabakh's industry grew by 30%, President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev said.

From the state budget for 2024-2027, Azerbaijan plans to appropriate a total of 13 billion 682 million AZN (at the current rate - $9.8bl) for implementation of construction, restoration and rebuilding projects in Karabakh and East Zangazur.

OIL SECTOR

At the meeting held with BP's management staff on September 20, 2023, President Ilham Aliyev emphasized the essential role the Contract of the Century signed in 1994 played in laying a cornerstone of the country's economic development during a hard and historic period of challenges that Azerbaijan went through.

September 20 is Azerbaijan Oilmen's Day – the signing date of the international agreement known as the Contract of the Century under the leadership of the national leader of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev. The project turned 29 in 2023. Since the launch of ACG development in 2001, the total

The first production sharing agreement on the development of the block of fields was signed on September 20, 1994. An updated agreement which implies the development of fields till the end of 2049 was signed on September 14, 2017.

The ACG shareholders are BP (30.37%), SOCAR (25.0%), MOL Group (9.57%, has substituted Chevron since April 16, 2020), INPEX (9.31%), Equinor (7.27%), ExxonMobil (6.79%), TPAO (5.73%), ITOCHU (3.65%), ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) (2.31%).

amount of revenues gained from sale of profit oil produced from the block of fields has exceeded $160bln.

According to the data as of 2022, a total of 560.2 million tons of oil was produced since the commissioning of Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli (ACG) fields.

Azerbaijan's net profit from the development of Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli (ACG) block of fields has totaled $168 billion since 2001.

The volume of investments made into the country's economy between 1995 and 2021 totaled $280 billion. If Azerbaijan's GDP was $2.417 billion in 1995, in 2021 it totaled $54.62 billion. Azerbaijan's nominal GDP totaled 125 billion 5.5 million AZN in 2023.

Karabakh's full integration into Azerbaijan's economy can raise the state's GDP by 0.8%, this forecast was voiced by the representative of the Plekhanov Russian University of Economics, Anatoliy Kolesnikov. Thus, all regained regions will be integrated successfully into the economy and social life of Azerbaijan.

ACG is the largest block of Azerbaijan's oil fields and the world's first-ever agreement that was signed twice, which underlines its long-standing significance up to the present day.

The rising oil demand promotes the growth of the investment attractiveness of Caspian fields.

Oil production from Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli (ACG) block of fields totaled around 68 million barrels (9 million tons) in the first half of 2023.

In total, around 77 million barrels of oil (10 million tons) was produced from ACG block in the first half of 2022. Thus, oil production from this contract area decreased by 11.7% in January-June 2023.

According to BP, the size of expenditures on the development of ACG block decreased by 4.1% down to $978 million compared to the first half of 2022. From the mentioned sum, operational and capital expenditures totaled $232 million and $746 million respectively, the company said.

Average daily oil production from the block totaled 375, 000 barrels in the first half of 2023 (424,000 barrels in the first half of 2022).

In the meantime, production from Chirag platform averaged 23,000 barrels per day (25,000 barrels per day in the first half of 2022 – Interfax-Azerbaijan), Central Azeri – 98,000 b/d (108,000 b/d), West Azeri – 91,000 b/d (109,000 b/d), East Azeri – 61,000 b/d (62,000 b/d), Deepwater Guneshli – 67,000 b/d (78,000 b/d), and West Chirag – 35,000 b/d (42,000 b/d).

TRANSITION STAGE

It seems like data on production from conventional sources will soon be replaced with other data on generation and export of renewable energy – solar, wind, and hydro power. On December 17, 2022, the governments of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Romania and Hungary signed an agreement on a strategic partnership in the field of green energy development and transmission. One of the important points of the agreement was the Black Sea submarine cable project. Once implemented, a 1,195km long cable (1,100km –subwater, 95km – onshore) will be linked to Romania, which will allow South Caucasus states and Romania to benefit from broad opportunities of electricity export and trade on basis of hourly market prices.

"At this stage, we have already conducted preliminary technical studies and they give us the basis for the successful implementation of the project", Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Levan Davitashvili said. "High-level coordination between countries is very important for the successful implementation of the project", the Vice Prime Minister said.

According to Levan Davitashvili, the feasibility of the project has actually been confirmed, and soon there will be a complete sketch of how the Black Sea submarine cable project should be implemented, which will create the means of supplying renewable energies from Georgia and the South Caucasus in general to the European Union.

Shah Deniz gas export rose from 2022's 19 bcm to 24 bcm in 2023, according to the data mentioned by President of Azerbaijan in his speech. "This volume will keep growing further. With respect to our potential, here are just a couple of figures for your attention. Twenty-seven gigawatts of wind and solar onshore, 10 gigawatts of wind and solar energy in the territories liberated during the Patriotic War of 2020, and 157 gigawatts of wind energy in the Azerbaijani sector of the Caspian Sea - almost 200 gigawatts of potential. Of course, we need to have enough export routes. And, of course, to implement all these projects in stages... In January 2023, Masdar and SOCAR signed an agreement on development of wind and solar power plants with the capacity of 4GW in Azerbaijan. It is only a short-term project, and mid-term projects will increase the volume to 10 gigawatts. And this is absolutely doable. We have a road map for both

projects. This project alone, in cooperation with MASDAR, will transform Azerbaijan into a significant source of green energy exports".

"Today, Azerbaijan not only satisfies all its needs with energy but also exports crude oil, oil products, natural gas, petrochemicals, and electricity. Our program with respect to renewables has an entirely different agenda. Firstly, this sector has enormous potential. Secondly, it will help us to diversify our export and, of course, create a new ecologically-friendly sector of our economy", President of Azerbaijan said.

"Important MoUs and agreements signed by Azerbaijan with international energy companies will allow us to produce up to 22 gigawatts of wind and solar energy. And, of course, for that purpose, we need export routes, as I already mentioned. On the 17th of December, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Hungary and Romania signed an agreement to build a Black Sea sea-belt electric cable from the Black Sea coast of Georgia to the Black Sea coast of Romania. And this agreement was witnessed by President of the European Commission. Thus, we plan to build a cable that will transport green energy from Azerbaijan at the level of four gigawatts. But that will not be enough. That is only what has already been agreed upon. Our plans are much broader. The investment climate in Azerbaijan is very positive, and we accumulated considerable investments in the oil and gas sector. But now our target is renewables. So, in other words, we have great plans. And I am sure that we will succeed", the head of state of Azerbaijan noted.

«У нас грандиозные планы», Ильхам Алиев

В ближайшие годы Карабахский регион АР будет «реципиентом» государственного бюджета. Но в среднесрочной перспективе ВВП Азербайджана сможет заметно увеличиться благодаря интеграции освобожденного региона. По результатам проведенной 20 сентября 2023 года антитеррористической операции в Карабахском экономическом районе Баку менее чем за сутки установил полный контроль над всей территорией страны.

Прежде в 2020 году в результате успешной контрнаступательной операции, начатой Азербайджанской армией в Карабахе 27 сентября, до 8 ноября - за 44 дня были освобождены от оккупации пять городов, три поселка и свыше 215 сел. Таким образом двумя военными операциями был завершен многолетний цикл оккупации, невыполнения резолюций ООН о возвращении земель, разрухи и запустения 20% территории Азербайджана. Сегодня на отвоеванных территориях идет их полное восстановление, строительство дорог, сел, аэропортов, телекоммуникационной инфраструктуры. Согласно предусмотренной инвестиционной программе до конца 2023 года расходы на Карабах и Восточный Зангезур составили около 12 млрд манатов (в 2022 году было инвестировано 2,4 млрд). За короткий срок достигнуты первые результаты - промышленность Карабаха выросла на 30%, заявил Президент Азербайджана Ильхам Алиев.

В целом, Азербайджан планирует из госбюджета в 2024-2027гг выделить 13 млрд 682 млн манатов ($9,8 млрд по текущему курсу) на реализацию проектов по строительству, восстановлению и реконструкции в Карабахе и Восточном Зангезуре.

НЕФТЯНОЙ СЕКТОР

На встрече с руководящим составом ВР 20 сентября 2023 года Президент Ильхам Алиев подчеркнул особую роль «Контракта века», подписанного в 1994 году, в закладке основы пути экономического развития в стране в трудный и исторический период испытаний, через который прошел Азербайджан.

20 сентября День Нефтяника Азербайджана, - день подписания под руководством Общенационального лидера Азербайджана Гейдара Алиева международно-

го контракта века, в 2023 году проекту исполнилось 29 лет. С начала разработки АЧГ в 2001 году, общий объем доходов от продажи прибыльной нефти с блока превысил 160 млрд долларов.

С момента ввода в эксплуатацию месторождений «Азери-Чыраг-Гюнешли» (АЧГ) по данным на 2022 год было добыто 560,2 миллиона тонн нефти.

Чистая прибыль Азербайджана от разработки блока месторождений Азери–Чыраг–Гюнешли (АЧГ) с 2001 года составила 168 миллиардов долларов.

В экономику страны за период 1995-2021 год вложено $280 млрд, если в 1995 году ВВП Азербайджана был на уровне $2,417 млрд, то в 2021 году - $54,62 млрд. Номинальный объем ВВП Азербайджана за 2023 год составил 125 млрд 5,5 млн манатов

В случае полной интеграции Карабаха в экономику Азербайджана ВВП государства может сразу увеличиться на 0,8%, такие прогнозы озвучил представитель РЭУ им. Г.В. Плеханова Анатолий Колесников. Таким образом, все отвоеванные регионы будут успешно интегрированы в экономику и социальную жизнь Азербайджана.

АЧГ является крупнейшим блоком нефтяных месторождений Азербайджана и первым в мире договором, который был подписан дважды, что подчеркивает его сохранившуюся по сей день, высокую актуальность.

Растущий мировой спрос на нефть способствует росту инвестиционной привлекательности каспийских месторождений.

Добыча нефти на блоке месторождений Азери-Чыраг-Гюнешли (АЧГ) в I-ом полугодии 2023 года составила порядка 68 млн баррелей (9 млн тонн).

В I-ом полугодии 2022 года с блока АЧГ суммарно было добыто порядка 77 млн баррелей нефти (10 млн тонн). Таким образом, добыча нефти с данной контрактной площади в январе-июне 2023 года в баррелях сократилась на 11,7%.

По данным BP, объем затрат по проекту разработки блока АЧГ по сравнению с I-ым полугодием 2022 года сократился на 4,1% - до $978 млн. «Из указанной суммы операционные расходы составили $232 млн, капитальные - $746 млн», - отметили в компании.

Среднесуточная добыча нефти на блоке в I-ом полугодии 2023 года составила 375 тыс. баррелей (424 тыс. баррелей в I-ом полугодии 2022г).

При этом, с платформы Чыраг добывалось в среднем 23 тыс. б/с нефти (25 тыс. б/с в I-ом полугодии 2022г - ИФ-Аз), «Центральный Азери» – 98 тыс. б/с (108 тыс. б/с), «Западный Азери» – 91 тыс. б/с (109 тыс. б/с), «Восточный Азери» – 61 тыс. б/с (62 тыс. б/с), «Глубоководный Гюнешли» – 67 тыс. б/с (78 тыс. б/с), «Западный Чыраг» - 35 тыс. б/с (42 тыс. б/с)

СТАДИЯ ПЕРЕХОДА

Данные по добыче из традиционных источников похоже вскоре заменят другие данные - по выработке и экспорту возобновляемой энергии - солнца, ветра, гидроэнергии. 17 декабря 2022 года правительства Азербайджана, Грузии, Румынии и Венгрии подписали соглашение о стратегическом сотрудничестве в области развития и передачи зеленой энергии. Одним из важных вопросов соглашения стал проект Черноморского подводного кабеля – в случае реализации проекта с Румынией бу-

Первый договор о разделе добычи по разработке блока месторождений был подписан 20 сентября 1994 года. 14 сентября 2017 года было подписано обновленное соглашение, которое предусматривает разработку месторождений до конца 2049 года. Долевое распределение акционеров АЧГ следующее: BP (30,37%), SOCAR (25,0%), MOL Group (9,57%, заменила Chevron с 16 апреля 2020 года), INPEX (9,31%), Equinor (7,27%), ExxonMobil (6,79%), TPAO (5,73%), ITOCHU (3,65%), ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) (2,31%).

дет соединен кабель длиной 1195 километров (1100 км подводный и 95 км сухопутный), что позволит странам Южного Кавказа и Румынии воспользоваться расширенными возможностями экспорта и торговли электроэнергией на основе почасовых рыночных цен.

На данном этапе уже провели предварительные технические исследования, и они дают нам основу для успешной реализации проекта, - заявляет вице-премьер-министр Грузии, министр экономики и устойчивого развития Леван Давиташвили.

«Очень важно координировать свои действия на высоком уровне между странами для эффективной реализации проекта», - сказал вице-премьер-министр.

По словам Левана Давиташвили, осуществимость проекта фактически подтверждена и в скором времени будет полная картина того, как должен быть реализован проект черноморского кабеля, который создаст средства для поставок возобновляемой энергии из Грузии и, в целом, Южного Кавказа в Евросоюз.

Рост экспорта газа с месторождения «Шах Дениз», согласно данным выступления Президента Азербайджана, вырос «с 19 млрд кубометров в 2022 году до 24 млрд кубометров в 2023 году. Этот объем будет продолжать расти и дальше. Что касается нашего потенциала, представлю вашему вниманию лишь пару показателей: 27 ГВт ветровой и солнечной энергии на суше, 10 ГВт ветровой и солнечной энергии на территориях, освобожденных в ходе Отечественной войны 2020 года, и 157 ГВт ветровой энергии в азербайджанском секторе Каспийского моря. Это потенциал объемом почти в 200 ГВт. Конечно, нам необходимо достаточное количество экспортных маршрутов. И, конечно, реализовывать все эти проекты поэтапно... В январе 2023 года компания Masdar и SOCAR подписали соглашение о разработке ветряных и солнечных электростанций в Азербайджане мощностью 4 ГВт. Это лишь один краткосрочный проект. Среднесрочные проекты позволят увеличить этот объем до 10 ГВт. Это абсолютно выполнимо. У нас есть дорожная карта для обоих проектов. Один только этот проект с Masdar, наше сотрудничество с этой компанией превратят Азербайджан в очень важный источник экспорта зеленой энергии».

«Сегодня Азербайджан не только полностью удовлетворяет свои потребности в энергии, но и экспортирует сырую нефть, нефтепродукты, природный газ, продукцию нефтехимической промышленности, электроэнергию. Наша программа по возобновляемым источникам энергии имеет совершенно другую повестку дня. Во-первых, потому что у этой отрасли огромный потенциал. Во-вторых, потому что это поможет нам диверсифицировать наш экспорт и, конечно, создаст новый экологически чистый сектор нашей экономики», сказал Президент Азербайджана.

«Важные меморандумы о взаимопонимании и соглашения, подписанные между Азербайджаном и международными энергетическими компаниями, позволят нам производить в общей сложности до 22 ГВт ветровой и солнечной энергии. Как я уже отметил, для этой цели, естественно, нам нужны экспортные маршруты. 17 декабря, Азербайджан, Грузия, Венгрия и Румыния подписали соглашение о прокладке Черноморского морского электрического кабеля от черноморского побережья Грузии до черноморского побережья Румынии. Это соглашение было засвидетельствовано президентом Европейской комиссии. Таким образом, мы планируем проложить кабель, который позволит транспортировать из Азербайджана зеленую энергию объемом 4 ГВт. Но этого будет недостаточно. Это только то, что уже согласовано. Наши планы гораздо шире. В Азербайджане очень позитивный инвестиционный климат. Мы привлекли большой объем инвестиций в нефтяной и газовый сектор. Но сейчас наша цель — развитие возобновляемых источников энергии. Другими словами, у нас грандиозные планы. И я уверен, что мы добьемся успеха», отметил глава азербайджанского государства.

We focus our investments on building transport infrastructure

Marcel Ciolacu, Prime Minister of Romania

Caspian Energy (CE): Your Excellency, what are the major objectives and tasks of the formed government?

Marcel Ciolacu, Prime Minister of Romania: Our objectives are essential for the balanced and sustainable development of Romania, as we proposed through the Governance Program.

Obviously, we have in mind the reduction of the effects that are felt both socially and economically, against the backdrop of the difficult context generated, not only for us, by the conflict in the immediate proximity of the borders and which, let's not forget, superimposed on post-pandemic crises.

However, we have focused our goals on immediate development needs and perspective projects, and they converge towards economic and social modernization. We have to make reforms and investments that the Romanian society and economy need at this moment, and our success depends on an efficient and transparent management of the financial resources at our disposal, regardless of whether we are talking about the money from the national budget or external financing.

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From this point of view, we have substantial support through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, especially since many of the reforms we undertook to carry out with the support of this European mechanism overlap with those necessary for the preparation of Romania's accession to the OECD.

Whether we are talking about infrastructure, education, health, digital transformation, sustainable development, social reforms or good governance, I can say without a doubt that it involves absolutely necessary measures to provide people with quality public services and infrastructure and to support the economy at the same time.

As Prime Minister, my social-democratic political orientation does not prevent me from being aware of the importance of the good running of the economy for society, on the contrary. As I said before, the mandate of the government I lead is about reforms and the economy, more concretely, about how we make the economy produce more value and jobs, and the results to be seen concretely in the standard of Romanians' living.

And as the current geo-strategic context inevitably implies a rethinking of energy policies by ensuring independence from Russian imports, both in the case of Romania and the other European countries, it is natural that at governmental level we grant this sector the importance it deserves, through concrete projects that we support in the direction of promoting alternative sources of energy and, equally, in the direction of the development of joint regional projects in the field of energy, a topic that, moreover, we addressed in August, in Athens, at the high-level meeting of the heads of state and government of South-Eastern Europe, and in the discussions that I and members of the Government had with European officials. This line also includes the steps we have taken since the beginning of the mandate, through which we managed to bring the new REPowerEU plan, focused on programs dedicated directly to consumers for the energy efficiency of homes and households, to the analysis of Brussels officials. It is about accessing more than 1.1 billion euros, which will make approximately 60,000 households able to be equipped with solar panels and batteries for energy storage. We also have projects started in partnership at the Doicesti Energy Complex, where we will implement new technologies in the non-conventional energy sector. All this will ensure our transition to more efficient and cleaner energy sources and, thus, the achievement of the assumed objectives of decarbonisation.

Whether we are talking about the energy sector, the transport infrastructure or the potential of digitali-

sation, we rely on investments, and this is the signal we send every time in discussions with the business environment.

The Business Forum of the Three Seas Initiative, an event that the Government hosted on the sidelines of the Three Seas Summit, held in early September in Bucharest, enjoyed a large participation of business people from the region and beyond, which outlines Romania's profile as an option for investors.

CE: Romania joined the EU 16 years ago. How has Romania's economy changed throughout this period? Do you support further enlargement of the EU?

Marcel Ciolacu: Romania has fully enjoyed the benefits of EU accession. My country has come a long way in terms of economic convergence, registering a significant increase in per capita GDP as a share of the euro area average (based on PPS), from 31.3% in 2005 to 77% in 2022. According to an analysis based on Statista data, Romania had the highest economic growth between 2000 and 2022 among EU states, of almost 800%.

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Our country has managed to build a regional profile of trust and political and economic stability, despite the complex geo-political evolutions in the region. All major international rating agencies - Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings - have assigned investment-grade sovereign ratings to the Romanian economy.

Also, Romania is fully taking its part of the in-depth transformation process, guided by the green and digital transition, as driving forces for economic growth. The current economic model that helped our country meet its development objectives so far, will focus on high-value-added activities, through the adoption of innovative technologies and production processes.

Romania's medium-term macroeconomic perspectives are still marked by the persistence of uncertainty regarding the evolution in EU, the conflict in Ukraine and the necessary internal structural adjustments after a difficult period, in which multiple shocks affected the economy. Romania's direct trade and financial links to Russia and Ukraine are limited, but the spillovers from the war have led to a lost momentum in growth.

On the longer term, much of Romania's economic performance will be determined by the progress of projects financed under EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), which could provide an extra boost to domestic demand. Romania's total allocation under RRF is € 29.2 billion. The funding is used to carry out reforms and investments which will support the green and digital transitions, smart growth, health and resilience, and policies for the next genera-

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tion, in line with EU's vision to build a greener, more sustainable future.

Romania strongly believes in the transformative power of the EU enlargement, a strategic objective that implies a shared responsibility, both for our partners and for the EU. Moreover, Russia's aggression against Ukraine reconfirmed how important it is to advance enlargement, building a space of security, development and common European values.

My country wholeheartedly supported the historic steps taken last year in the framework of this process - granting candidate status to Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Bosnia-Herzegovina, as well as recognising a clear European perspective to Georgia.

The significant progress made by the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine on the road to European accession is all the more impressive in the current particularly challenging geopolitical context. We do hope that a decision to open accession negotiations with both candidate countries will be taken by the end of this year and we remain fully committed to support their efforts at political and technical level.

CE: A new energy market is being developed in the EU today. From what risks will it protect its members? Which countries are the main suppliers of energy to Romania?

Marcel Ciolacu: In the framework of the very high prices and volatility in electricity markets observed since September 2021 and of the escalation of the Russian military aggression against Ukraine, the Commission presented in October 2021 a toolbox of measures that the European Union and its Member States were able to use to address the immediate impact of high energy prices on households and businesses (including income support, tax breaks, gas savings and storage measures) and to strengthen resilience against future price shocks.

A new market design was proposed by European Commission and negotiated at the European Council level, aiming to set new fundamental principles for well-functioning, integrated electricity markets, which allow all resource providers and electricity customers non-discriminatory market access, enable the development of forward electricity markets to allow suppliers and consumers to hedge or protect themselves against the risk of future volatility in electricity prices, increase consumers' empowerment, ensure competitiveness on the global market, enhance flexibility through demand response, energy storage and other non-fossil flexibility solutions, ensure energy efficiency, facilitate aggregation of distributed demand and supply, and, very important, support long-term investments in renewable energy generation and enable consumers' to make their energy bills less dependent from fluctuations of short-term electricity market prices, in particular fossil fuel prices, in the medium to long-term.

We all agreed at EU level that a faster deployment of renewable energy and clean flexible technologies is the most sustainable and cost-effective way of structurally reducing the demand for fossil fuels for electricity generation and for direct consumption through electrification and energy system integration. Thanks to their low operational costs, renewable sources can positively impact electricity prices across the Union and reduce direct consumption of fossil fuels.

We are privileged to have a pretty balanced energy mix.

The reform of the electricity market design should also increase the competitiveness of the Union's industries by facilitating their possibilities to make the clean tech investments they require to meet their net zero transition paths. The energy transition in the Union needs to be supported by a strong clean technology manufacturing basis.

In terms of energy suppliers for Romania, our country imports only 10-11% its total annual electricity consumption, with spikes that may reach 20-25% during peak hours or during periods of time when electricity from renewables is not available.

I want to mention that during periods with good wind, Romania is a net electricity exporter. Given the important investments that are foreseen to be developed in the renewable and gas sector, we believe that in a few years our country will regain its position as an electricity exporter in the region and in EU.

CE: What does "green transition" mean for Romania and its citizens?

Marcel Ciolacu: It means an immense challenge and unprecedented opportunities at the same time. It means changing the paradigm of economic growth in a way which our generation has not experienced until now. More growth and cleaner lungs. It means green funds, innovative technologies and a new design of our job market.

Romania has chosen the hardest and most ambitious path, i.e. climate neutrality. This means that by 2050, we will have cut our greenhouse gas emissions by 99%, compared to 1990. It is an objective to which we have committed at the beginning of this year, when we presented to the European Commission the first draft of our Long Term Strategy for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Climate neutrality means profound structural transformations in crucial sectors, such as energy, economy, industry, transport, agriculture, buildings, heating and cooling. Our private sector is therefore key to achieving our goals and the Romanian Government is aiming for a more structured dialogue with the private sector, which could develop into solid partnerships for climate.

In 2022, the Romanian Government established an Interministerial Committee for Climate Change which brings to the table all major players who can drive forward the climate change agenda. In my team, I have appointed a state adviser for climate change and energy transition who also contributes to ensuring that the green transition happens in an integrated and just manner.

We have one of the lowest rates of emissions/capita in the EU. In 2021, Romania's greenhouse gas emissions already decreased by 71% (the EU goal for 2030 is 55%).

We are privileged to have a pretty balanced energy mix. Romania ranks number 11 in the EU in terms of the renewable energy share in total consumption. In Central and Eastern Europe, Romania ranks 3rd after Croatia and Slovenia. This year, almost 60% of our electricity has been generated by renewable sources of energy. Until 2030, RO has committed to increase the share of renewables to 30,7%. It is focused mainly on wind, hydro, solar and fuels from biomass.

Romania is the second largest natural gas producer in the EU. Our onshore gas reserves are cca 100 billion cubic meters. The reserves in the Black Sea are estimated up to 84 billion cubic meters. The nuclear dimension of our energy mix is of equal importance (20%) with major projects for the future, including implementing the SMR technology.

Very important, the money is there to achieve the green transition. The level of EU funds towards green project is unprecedented. Until 2023, we have calculated up to 48 billion euro to be channelled via the Recovery and Resilience Plan, the Modernisation Fund, REPowerEU, the Just Transition Fund, the Social Fund for Climate, to name only a few.

The green transition is also about new alliances and partnerships.

The Government is making available public funding (EU and national) both to ensure energy efficiency in public and residential buildings as well as to create new capacities for the production of clean, green energy from solar, wind, geothermal and so on. Financial support in the form of grants for green energy production capacities are being offered both to private companies as well as, in some cases, to public authorities. Also, public funding is provided for electricity and gas infrastructure, for heating systems, for producing green hydrogen. In Romania, the general population receives national subsidies through the Environment Fund to purchase solar panels and produce their own green electric supply and even resell it into the grid. Additionally, through the RePowerEU, which is a new component under the NRRP, in the final steps of approval with the European Commission, households exposed to energy poverty, will receive subsidies to be able to produce solar energy through solar panels and batteries that allow for the energy to be stocked.

Our public funding tools, most of it fuelled through EU policies, such as the Cohesion Policy, allow us to give a green, environmentally - friendly direction to private and public investments and to public services. The money is conditional upon Romanian businesses and administrations complying with green standards in their processes and products.

The green transition is also about new alliances and partnerships such as the first submarine electricity cable in the Black Sea which will connect the electricity systems of the Caucasus and continental Europe (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Romania and Hungary).

CE: What should be Romania's focus in the post-pandemic period?

Marcel Ciolacu: The Covid pandemic has been a huge, disruptive, and painful challenge for all humanity, especially for vulnerable population and vulnerable economies. Romania was no exception.

However, at this point, I would point out that this crisis has provided the stimulus and means to adapt and reshape our economies, to invest in greener, smarter, more resilient businesses and public services. Also, in terms of focus, I will highlight that one of Romania's major current country targets is to join the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and to fully align to economic, social, environmental, living and quality of life standards shared by the most developed economies of the world.

In the post pandemic context, as a member of the European Union, Romania benefits from significantly larger financial assistance package than what would have been envisaged before 2020. These are funds that we must spend wisely, targeted, in order to improve our economic competitiveness, our regional security profile and the living standards of our population.

Let's talk numbers. The 29 billion Euro allocation for Romania under the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism (including the new RePowerEU component) adds up to the classic European funds available to Romania under the Cohesion Policy (31,5 Billion Euro) and under the Common Agricultural Policy (almost 16 Billion Euro).

We focus our investments on building transport infrastructure that connects our regions and is highly multimodal but also connects us with major European corridors (highways, railway, ports, roads), on green mobility and public transportation that is efficient, on a more robust, greener and digital economy (with a focus on agriculture, IT, production facilities), on more digital and effective public services (with a clear focus on our public education and public health systems).

Having said that, European funding is programmed to address some of our own systemic vulnerabilities such as a bureaucratic, overburdened, and slow public administration or high rates of poverty, a high rate of school leave, an aging population, as well as a growing deficit of skilled labour force. My own belief, my principle is that money cannot solve all problems nor generate the development Romania deserves. Ambitious, sometimes difficult reforms are necessary and

are under preparation to allow all these tens of billions of Euros being injected into our economy to actually deliver that desired quality of doing business and of living in Romania.

CE: What changes does digitalization bring into the economic system?

Marcel Ciolacu: Firstly, digitalization creates a much more efficient relation between citizens and state institutions.

We are talking about fewer bureaucratic processes, less staying in line for obtaining different official papers, improved citizen communication and a better level of tax collection that will only increase by making applications available to them and eliminating the time spent queuing, filling in forms and going through procedures that slow them down.

Secondly, new digital technologies increase productivity. This contributes greatly to the development of new firms, offering opportunities and new and more varied workforce categories, with a strong economic impact. In addition, developing new firms increase competitiveness. Our mission is to support new firms to grow and to help them reach economic stability.

Thirdly, digitalization removes geographical barriers, leading to expanded market opportunities and new business models that create innovative ways to bring capital to the market, as well as value.

In conclusion, the impact of digitalization represents an era of transformation of the economic system, far-reaching, touching every aspect of business, commerce and consumer behavior. From increasing efficiency to developing new business models, digitalization brings tremendous opportunities for the national and global economic system.

CE: What importance is attached to the cooperation with the Caspian region states, especially with Azerbaijan?

Marcel Ciolacu: The war in Ukraine and the sanctions imposed by the EU and its partners on Russia had and will undoubtedly continue to have a lasting impact on the energy prices, thus inducing new dynamics to energy security worldwide.

In this context we would like to reaffirm Romania's engagement in the development of the "Green Energy Corridor", which will connect the Caspian Sea region with the Black Sea and the European Union, an initiative that was formalized in December 2022 in Bucharest where the Governments of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Romania and Hungary signed the "Agreement on a strategic partnership in the field of green energy development and transmission".

The latest meeting related to this initiative took place on July 26, also in Bucharest, where a Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of a joint venture between the four countries was signed. On this occasion, the sides noted that the feasibility study of the initial stage of the project on the Black Sea would have been completed by the end 2023.

Romania is also interested in the Caspian natural gas volumes that could reach the Romanian market and, subsequently, the markets of Central and South-East Europe. The completion and the commercial operationalization of IGB could facilitate Romania's access to the volumes of Azeri natural gas in the near future which could also be distributed further on to balance the energy security of our Eastern partners - Moldova and Ukraine.

We are ready to work with involved MS, and our Caspian partners to use the transport infrastructure offered by RO-BG Interconnector, BRUA gas pipeline and RO-HU Interconnector as an important viable link with the Central Europe in the possible future extension of the Southern Gas Corridor.

I conclude by mentioning that in the current extremely worrying and volatile security context, Azerbaijan has demonstrated that it is a reliable partner in the plan of ensuring stability in the region and strengthening European energy security.

I want to reconfirm Romania's position regarding the solution of the problems in the South Caucasus region based on strict compliance with the principles of international law, including the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states, as stipulated in the United Nations Charter. Thank you.

Thank you for the interview

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Мы концентрируем наши инвестиции на строительстве транспортной инфраструктуры

Премьер-министр Румынии Марчел Чолаку

Caspian Energy (CE): Господин премьер-министр, каковы основные цели и задачи сформированного правительства?

Премьер-министр Румынии Марчел Чолаку: Наши цели являются основополагающими для сбалансированного и устойчивого развития Румынии в соответствии с нашими предложениями, отраженными в правительственной программе.

Очевидно, мы имеем в виду смягчение последствий, которые ощущаются как в социальном, так и в экономическом плане, на фоне сложной, не только для нас обстановки, порожденной конфликтом в непосредственной близости от границ и совпавшей, не будем забывать, с постпандемическими кризисами.

Однако мы сосредоточили наши цели на первоочередных потребностях в области развития и перспективных проектах, которые объединяет направленность на экономическую и социальную модернизацию. Мы

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должны осуществить реформы и инвестиции, в которых румынское общество и экономика нуждаются в данный момент, и наш успех зависит от эффективного и прозрачного управления имеющимися в нашем распоряжении финансовыми ресурсами, независимо от того, идет ли речь о деньгах из национального бюджета или внешнего финансирования.

С этой точки зрения, мы получаем существенную поддержку в рамках национального плана по восстановлению и повышению устойчивости, тем более что многие реформы, которые мы обязались провести при поддержке этого европейского механизма, совпадают с теми, которые необходимы для подготовки вступления Румынии в ОЭСР.

Неважно говорим мы об инфраструктуре, образовании, здравоохранении, цифровой трансформации, устойчивом развитии, социальных реформах или надлежащем управлении, могу с уверенностью сказать, что это предполагает принятие абсолютно необходимых мер, предусматривающие предоставление гражданам качественных государственнымх услуг и инфраструктуры и, в то же время, оказание поддержки экономике.

Моя социал-демократическая политическая ориентация не мешает мне, как премьер-министру, осознавать важность хорошего функционирования экономики для общества, скорее наоборот. Как я уже говорил ранее, мандат возглавляемого мною правительства сосредоточен на реформах и экономике, точнее, на том, как мы можем заставить экономику принести больше пользы и создать больше рабочих мест, а также на результатах, которые можно будет наблюдать по изменениям в уровне жизни румын.

Текущий геостратегический контекст неизбежно подразумевает пересмотра энергетической политики путем обеспечения независимости от российского импорта. В связи с этим, как в случае Румынии, так и других европейских стран, вполне естественно, что на правительственном уровне мы придаем должную значимость данному сектору посредством конкретных поддерживаемых нами проектов по продвижению альтернативных источников энергии, а также путем совместных региональных энергетических проектов. Более того, эту тему мы рассматривали на августовской встрече, состоявшейся в Афинах на высоком уровне с участием глав государств и правительств юго-восточной Европы, а также в ходе дискуссий, которые я и члены правительства провели с европейскими официальными лицами. Данный курс также включает в себя шаги, которые мы предприняли с начала осуществления мандата, с

помощью которых нам удалось привлечь к анализу брюссельских чиновников новый план REPowerEU, ориентированный на программы, предназначенные непосредственно для потребителей в целях обеспечения энергоэффективности жилья и домохозяйств. Речь идет о доступе более чем к 1,1 млрд. евро, что позволит оснастить примерно 60 000 домохозяйств солнечными батареями и аккумуляторами для хранения энергии. У нас также запущены проекты в партнерстве с энергетическим комплексом Дойчешть, где мы будем внедрять новые технологии в секторе нетрадиционных источников энергии. Все это обеспечит нам переход на более эффективные и чистые источники энергии и, таким образом, достижение намеченных целей декарбонизации.

Независимо от того, говорим ли мы об энергетическом секторе, транспортной инфраструктуре или потенциале цифровизации, мы полагаемся на инвестиции, и посылаем этот сигнал каждый раз, проводя обсуждения с представителями бизнеса.

На бизнес-форуме «Инициатива трех морей», мероприятие, которое правительство провело на полях саммита «Трех морей», состоявшегося в начале сентября в Бухаресте, приняли широкое участие представители деловых кругов из региона и за его пределами, что указывает на привлекательность Румынии для инвесторов.

CE: Румыния вступила в ЕС 16 лет назад, как изменилась экономика Румынии за этот период? Поддерживаете ли Вы дальнейшее расширение ЕС?

Марчел Чолаку: Румыния полностью воспользовалась преимуществами вступления в ЕС. Моя страна прошла долгий путь с точки зрения экономической конвергенции, зафиксировав значительный рост ВВП на душу населения как доли от среднего показателя по еврозоне (на основе показателя стандартной покупательной способности) - с 31,3% в 2005 году до 77% в 2022 году. Согласно анализу, основанному на данных компании Statista, в период с 2000 по 2022 год в Румынии наблюдался самый высокий экономический рост среди стран ЕС - почти 800%.

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Несмотря на сложные геополитические изменения в регионе, нашей стране удалось выстроить региональный имидж доверия, а также политическую и экономическую стабильность. Все крупные международные рейтинговые агентства – Standard & Poor's, Moody's и Fitch Ratings – присвоили румынской экономике суверенные рейтинги инвестиционного уровня.

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Кроме того, Румыния активно вовлечена в процесс глубокой трансформации, руководствуясь «зеленым» и цифровым переходом в качестве движущей силы экономического роста. Нынешняя экономическая модель, которая до сих пор помогала нашей стране в достижении ее целей в области развития, будет ориентирована на деятельность с высокой добавленной стоимостью путем внедрения инновационных технологий и производственных процессов.

Среднесрочные макроэкономические перспективы Румынии по-прежнему характеризуются сохранением неопределенности в отношении развития ситуации в ЕС, конфликта на Украине и необходимых внутренних структурных преобразований после трудного периода, в течение которого на экономике сказались многочисленные потрясения. Прямые торговые и финансовые связи Румынии с Россией и Украиной ограничены, но последствия войны привели к потере импульса роста.

В долгосрочной перспективе, большая часть экономических показателей Румынии будет зависеть от успеха проектов, финансируемых в рамках Фонда восстановления и устойчивости ЕС (RRF), что может обеспечить дополнительный толчок для внутреннего спроса. Общий объем ассигнований Румынии в рамках Фонда восстановления и устойчивости составляет 29,2 миллиарда евро. Финансирование используется для осуществления реформ и инвестиций, которые будут поддерживать зеленые и цифровые преобразования, разумный рост, устойчивость систем здравоохранения, а также реализацию политики для будущего поколения в соответствии с видением ЕС по созданию более экологичного и устойчивого будущего.

Румыния твердо верит в преобразующую силу расширения ЕС, стратегическую цель, которая предполагает совместную ответственность как за наших партнеров, так и за ЕС. Более того, агрессия России против Украины вновь подтвердила, насколько важно продвигать расширение, создавая пространство безопасности, развития и общих европейских ценностей.

Моя страна всецело поддержала исторические шаги, предпринятые в прошлом году в рамках этого процесса - предоставление статуса кандидата Украине, Республике Молдова и Боснии и Герцеговине, а также признание четкой европейской перспективы Грузии.

Особенно впечатляет значительный прогресс, достигнутый Республикой Молдова и Украиной на пути к вступлению в Европу, в нынешней сложной геополитической ситуации. Мы надеемся, что решение о начале переговоров о вступлении с обеими странами-кандидатами будет принято к концу этого года, и мы по-прежнему полностью привержены поддержке их усилий на политическом и техническом уровнях.

Нам повезло иметь довольно сбалансированную энергетическую структуру.

CE: Сегодня в ЕС формируется новый энергетический рынок, от каких рисков он защитит своих членов? Какие страны являются основными поставщиками энергоносителей в Румынию?

Марчел Чолаку: В условиях очень высоких цен и волатильности на рынках электроэнергии, наблюдае-

мых с сентября 2021 года, а также эскалации военной агрессии России против Украины, в октябре 2021 года Комиссия представила набор мер, которые Европейский Союз и его государства-члены смогли использовать для устранения непосредственного воздействия высоких цен на энергоносители на домохозяйства и предприятия (включая поддержку доходов, налоговые льготы, меры по экономии расхода и хранению газа), а также для укрепления устойчивости к будущим потрясениям.

Новая структура рынка была предложена Европейской комиссией и согласована на уровне Европейского совета с целью установления новых основополагающих принципов для хорошо функционирующих интегрированных рынков электроэнергии, которые обеспечивают всем поставщикам ресурсов и потребителям электроэнергии недискриминационный доступ на рынок, способствуют развитию форвардных рынков электроэнергии, позволяющих поставщикам и потребителям хеджировать или защитить себя от риска будущей волатильности цен на электроэнергию, расширяют права и возможности потребителей, обеспечивают конкурентоспособность на мировом рынке, повышают гибкость за счет управления спросом, энергосбережения и других решений в области обеспечения гибкости, не связанных с источниками ископаемого топлива, обеспечивают энергоэффективность, облегчают консолидацию распределенного спроса и предложения, и что очень важно, поддерживают долгосрочные инвестиции в выработку возобновляемой энергии и дают возможность потребителям содержать свои счета за электроэнергию в меньшей зависимости от колебаний краткосрочных рыночных цен на электроэнергию, в частности от цен на ископаемое топливо, в среднесрочной и долгосрочной перспективе.

На уровне ЕС мы все согласились с тем, что более быстрое внедрение возобновляемых источников энергии и чистых гибких технологий является наиболее устойчивым и экономически эффективным способом структурного снижения спроса на ископаемое топливо, используемое в производстве электроэнергии и в прямом потреблении за счет электрификации и интеграции энергосистем. Благодаря низким эксплуатационным затратам возобновляемые источники могут положительно влиять на цены на электроэнергию во всем Союзе и сокращать прямое потреблеение ископаемого топлива.

Реформа структуры рынка электроэнергии также должна повысить конкурентоспособность отраслей промышленности Союза, расширяя их возможности осуществлять инвестиции в экологически чистые технологии, необходимые им для выхода на путь чистого нуля. Энергетический переход в Союзе должен поддерживаться мощной произ-

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водственной базой, основанной на чистых технологиях.

Что касается поставщиков энергии для Румынии, то наша страна импортирует всего лишь 10-11% объема своего общего годового потребления электроэнергии. В часы пик или в периоды, когда электричество от возобновляемых источников энергии недоступно, данный показатель может достигать до 20-25%.

Хочу отметить, что в периоды сильного ветра Румыния является чистым экспортером электроэнергии. Учитывая важные инвестиции, которые планируется вложить в сектор возобновляемых источников энергии и газа, мы считаем, что через несколько лет наша страна вернет себе позиции экспортера электроэнергии в регионе и в Европе.

CE: Что означает «зеленый переход» для Румынии и ее граждан?

Марчел Чолаку: Это означает огромный вызов и в то же время беспрецедентные возможности. Это означает изменение парадигмы экономического роста, которого наше поколение еще не испытывало. Большой рост, чище легкие. Это означает «зеленые» фонды, инновационные технологии и новый дизайн нашего рынка труда.

Румыния выбрала самый трудный и амбициозный путь, то есть климатическую нейтральность. Это означает, что к 2050 году мы сократим выбросы парниковых газов на 99% по сравнению с 1990 годом. Это цель, достижение которой мы взяли на себя как обязательство в начале этого года, когда представили Европейской комиссии первый проект нашей долгосрочной стратегии по сокращению выбросов парниковых газов.

Климатическая нейтральность означает глубокие структурные преобразования в важнейших секторах, таких как энергетика, экономика, промышленность, транспорт, сельское хозяйство, строительство, отопление и охлаждение. Таким образом, наш частный сектор играет ключевую роль в достижении наших целей, и правительство Румынии стремится к более структурированному диалогу с частным сектором, который мог бы перерасти в прочные партнерские отношения в области климата.

В 2022 году правительство Румынии учредило Межведомственный комитет по изменению климата, который объединяет всех основных игроков, способных продвигать повестку дня в области изменения климата. В моей команде я назначил государственного советника по вопросам изменения климата и энергетического перехода, который также вносит свой вклад в обеспечение комплексного и справедливого перехода к зеленой экономике.

У нас один из самых низких показателей выбросов на душу населения в ЕС. В 2021 году выбросы парниковых газов в Румынии уже сократились на 71% (цель ЕС на 2030 год - 55%).

Нам посчастливолось иметь довольно сбалансированную энергетическую структуру. Румыния занимает 11-е место в ЕС по доле возобновляемых источников энергии в общем объеме потребления. В Центральной и Восточной Европе Румыния занимает 3-е место после Хорватии и Словении. В этом году почти 60% нашей электроэнергии было выработано за счет возобновляемых источников энергии. До 2030 года Румыния обязалась увеличить долю возобновляемых источников энергии до 30,7%. Основное внимание уделяется ветровой и солнечной энергии, гидроэнергетике и топливу из биомассы.

Румыния является вторым по величине производителем природного газа в ЕС. Наши запасы природного газа на суше составляют около 100 миллиардов кубометров. Запасы в Черном море оцениваются в 84 млрд. кубометров. Атомная составляющая в нашем энергетическом балансе имеет столь же важное значение (20%) с крупными проектами на будущее, включая внедрение технологии малых модульных реакторов.

Очень важным является наличие денег для осуществления зеленого перехода. Объем средств, выделяемых ЕС на реализацию зеленого проекта, беспрецедентен. Мы подсчитали, что до 2023 года будут направлены средства в размере до 48 миллиардов евро в рамках Плана восстановления и устойчивого развития, Фонда модернизации, плана REPowerEU, Фонда справедливого перехода, Социального фонда по борьбе с изменением климата, и это лишь некоторые из них.

Правительство выделяет государственное финансирование (включая средства из ЕС и госбюджета) как для обеспечения энергоэффективности общественных и жилых зданий, так и для создания новых мощностей по производству чистой зеленой энергии из солнца, ветра, геотермальных источников и так далее. Как частным компаниям, так и, в некоторых случаях, государственным органам предлагается финансовая поддержка в виде грантов на создание мощностей по производству «зеленой» энергии. Кроме того, государственное финансирование предусмотрено для электроэнергетической и газовой инфраструктуры, систем отопления и производства «зеленого» водорода. В Румынии население в целом получает государственные субсидии через Фонд окружающей среды на приобретение солнечных панелей, производство экологически чистой электроэнергии и даже перепродажу ее в сеть. Кроме того, через программу RePowerEU, которая является новым компонентом в рамках национального плана по восстановлению и повышению устойчивости и находится на заключительном этапе согласования с Европейской комиссией, домохозяйства, подверженные энергетической бедности, получат субсидии, чтобы иметь возможность производить солнечную энергию с помощью солнечных панелей и батарей, позволяющих также запасать энергию.

Наши инструменты государственного финансирования, в основном подпитываемые политикой ЕС, такой как политика сплочения, позволяют нам придать зеленое, благоприятное для окружающей среды направление частным и государственным инвестициям и общественным услугам. Деньги предоставляются при условии соблюдения румынскими предприятиями и

администрациями экологических стандартов в своей деятельности и товарах.

«Зеленый» переход также подразумевает новые альянсы и партнерства. Например, первый подводный электрический кабель в Черном море, который соединит энергосистемы Кавказа и континентальной Европы (Азербайджан, Грузию, Румынию и Венгрию).

CE: На чем следует сосредоточить внимание Румынии в пост-пандемический период?

Марчел Чолаку: Пандемия Covid стала огромной, разрушительной и болезненной проблемой для всего человечества, особенно для уязвимого населения и уязвимых экономик. Румыния не была исключением.

Однако на данный момент я хотел бы отметить, что этот кризис предоставил стимул и средства для приспособления и перестройки наших экономик, для инвестирования в более экологичные, умные, устойчивые предприятия и государственные услуги. Также, с точки зрения направленности, я подчеркну, что одной из основных текущих целей Румынии является вступление в Организацию Экономического Сотрудничества и Развития и обеспечение полного соответствия экономическим, социальным, экологическим стандартам, а также уровню и качеству жизни, разделяемым наиболее развитыми экономиками мира.

В постпандемическом периоде Румыния как член Европейского союза получает значительно больший пакет финансовой помощи, чем предполагалось до 2020 года. Это средства, которые мы должны расходовать разумно, целенаправленно, чтобы повысить нашу экономическую конкурентоспособность, уровень нашей региональной безопасности и уровень жизни нашего населения.

Давайте говорить цифрами. Выделенные Румынии 29 миллиардов евро в рамках Механизма восстановления и устойчивости (включая новый план RePowerEU) дополняют классические европейские средства, доступные Румынии в рамках Политики сплочения (31,5 миллиардов евро) и Общей сельскохозяйственной политики (почти 16 миллиардов евро).

Мы сосредотачиваем наши инвестиции на строительстве транспортной инфраструктуры, которая соединяет наши регионы и является в высшей степени мультимодальной, а также связывает нас с основными европейскими коридорами (автомагистрали, железные дороги, порты, автодороги). Инвестиции также фокусируются на экологичной мобильности и эффективном общественном транспорте, на более надежной, экологичной и цифровой экономике (с упором на сельское хозяйство, ИТ, производственные мощности), и на обеспечении более усовершенствованных цифровых и эффективных государственных услуг (с четким акцентом на наши системы государственного образования и общественного здравоохранения).

Тем не менее, европейское финансирование запрограммировано на устранение некоторых наших собственных системных уязвимостей, таких как бюрократически перегруженное и медленное государственное управление или высокий уровень бедности, высокий уровень ухода из школ, старение населения, а также растущий дефицит квалифицированной рабочей силы. По моему собственному убеждению, мой принцип заключается в том, что деньги не могут решить все проблемы или обеспечить развитие, которое заслуживает Румыния. Амбициозные, порой трудные реформы необходимы и готовятся к тому, чтобы все эти десятки миллиардов евро, вливаемые в нашу экономику, действительно обеспечили желаемое качество ведения бизнеса и жизни в Румынии.

CE: Какие изменения привносит цифровизация в экономическую систему?

Марчел Чолаку: Во-первых, цифровизация создает гораздо более эффективное отношение между гражданами и госучреждениями.

Мы говорим о сокращении бюрократических процессов, меньшем пребывании в очередях за получением различных официальных бумаг, улучшении взаимодействия с гражданами и усовершенствовании уровня сбора налогов, который только увеличится с предоставлением им доступа к приложениям и сокращением времени, затрачиваемого на стояние в очередях, заполнение бланков и прохождение процедур, замедляющих ход работы.

Во-вторых, новые цифровые технологии повышают производительность. Это в значительной степени способствует развитию новых фирм, предлагая возможности и новые, более разнообразные категории рабочей силы, что оказывает сильный экономический эффект. Кроме того, развитие новых фирм повышает конкурентоспособность. Наша миссия состоит в том, чтобы поддержать новые фирмы в их росте и помочь им достичь экономической стабильности.

В-третьих, цифровизация снимает географические барьеры, приводя к расширению возможностей рынка и новым бизнес-моделям, создающим инновационные способы привлечения капитала на рынок, а также повышения эффективности.

В заключение, влияние цифровизации представляет собой эпоху далеко идущей трансформации экономической системы, затрагивающей все аспекты бизнеса, коммерции и потребительского поведения. От повышения эффективности до разработки новых бизнес-моделей цифровизация открывает огромные возможности для национальной и глобальной экономической системы.

CE: Какое значение придается сотрудничеству с государствами Каспийского региона, особенно с Азербайджаном?

Марчел Чолаку: Война на Украине и санкции, введенные ЕС и его партнерами в отношении России, оказали и, несомненно, продолжат оказывать долгосрочное влияние на цены на энергоносители, придавая новую динамику энергетической безопасности во всем мире.

В этой связи мы хотели бы подтвердить участие Румынии в развитии «Зеленого энергетического коридора», который соединит регион Каспийского моря с Черным морем и Европейским союзом, инициатива, которая была официально оформлена в декабре 2022 года в Бухаресте, где правительства Азербайджанской Республики, Грузии, Румынии и Венгрии подписали «Соглашение о стратегическом партнерстве в области развития и передачи зеленой энергии».

Последняя встреча, связанная с этой инициативой, состоялась 26 июля, также в Бухаресте, где был подписан Меморандум о взаимопонимании по созданию совместного предприятия между четырьмя странами. По этому случаю стороны отметили, что технико-экономическое обоснование начальной стадии проекта на Черном море будет готово к концу 2023 года.

Румыния также заинтересована в объемах каспийского природного газа, которые могли бы поступать на румынский рынок, а затем и на рынки Центральной и Юго-Восточной Европы.

Завершение строительства и коммерческая эксплуатация IGB могли бы облегчить Румынии доступ к объемам азербайджанского природного газа в ближайшем будущем, который также мог бы быть распределен в дальнейшем, чтобы сбалансировать энергетическую безопасность наших восточных партнеров - Молдовы и Украины.

Мы готовы работать с участвующими государствами-членами и нашими каспийскими партнерами, чтобы

использовать транспортную инфраструктуру, предлагаемую интерконнектором RO-BG, газопроводом BRUA и интерконнектором RO-HU, в качестве важного жизнеспособного связующего звена с Центральной Европой в возможном будущем расширении Южного Газового Коридора.

В заключение я хотел бы отметить, что в нынешней крайне тревожной и нестабильной ситуации с безопасностью, Азербайджан продемонстрировал, что он является надежным партнером в плане обеспечения стабильности в регионе и укрепления европейской энергетической безопасности.

Я хочу подтвердить позицию Румынии в отношении решения проблем в регионе Южного Кавказа на основе строгого соблюдения принципов международного права, включая суверенитет и территориальную целостность государств, как это предусмотрено в Уставе Организации Объединенных Наций. Благодарю за внимание.

Благодарим Вас за интервью

We would like to expand cooperation with Azerbaijan

Egils Levits, Fmr.President of the Republic of Latvia

Caspian Energy (CE): Mr. Levits, how would you assess the results of the visit made to Azerbaijan early in March?

Egils Levits, Fmr. President of the Republic of Latvia: Latvia and Azerbaijan have built stable bilateral ties and Latvia is keen to continue political dialogue on all levels. Local governments in both countries have already signed 14 different cooperation agreements, while Latvia and Azerbaijan will mark the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2024. Economic relations between Latvia and Azerbaijan have been on the rise in recent years. We are ready to discuss deeper

...we need truly global dialogue.

cooperation in areas such as information and communications technologies, smart energy and green technologies. Transport and logistics are another sector. Azerbaijan is key for EU's efforts to diversify natural gas suppliers and routes, thereby strengthening Europe's energy independence. We would like to expand this cooperation to renewables.

Latvia is one of those NATO member states that support ever closer cooperation between the Alliance and Azerbaijan in scope of the Partnership for Peace initiative. It is committed to keep Latvian embassy in Baku as the Allied contact point embassy until 2024.

Latvia is ready to contribute to stronger international organisations and rules-based international order – a goal that could be pursued more successfully together with Azerbaijan, and in the build-up to Latvia's candidature to the UN Security Council in 2025.

CE: What are your impressions of the 10th Global Baku Forum held with your participation?

Egils Levits: It was an honour and great pleasure to participate at the opening of the 10th Baku Global Forum in the spring of 2023. In times when the world is changing rapidly and so unpre-

dictably, we need truly global dialogue. The insights of current and former leaders assembled at the Baku Global forum are founded on real experience.

I was especially glad to hear the growing support for the establishment of an ad hoc international tribunal to try Russia for the crime of aggression against Ukraine. It is of utmost importance that the international community responds to such a grave attack on the international rules-based order, embodied in the UN Charter since 1945.

This was my message also when introducing the discussion on how to foster resilience in the face of multiple crises and threats to security of both states and individuals.

CE: Cooperation in which sectors of the economy promotes the establishment of much closer relations between our countries?

Egils Levits: Historically the Latvian companies have been strong in exporting to Azerbaijan products from the traditional sectors of agriculture, food and pharmaceuticals. However, we would like to add value to our trade relations in Azerbaijan by offering Latvian smart city, green technology and logistics solutions.

For Azerbaijan companies it is important to know that we are in the centre of the innovative North European region, and we can become gateway to European single market for your companies.

During the recent visit the Director General of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia, Kaspars Rožkalns, signed the Memorandum of Understanding with its counterpart – the Export and Investment Promotion Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The main cooperation areas outlined in the memorandum are bioeconomy, digitalization and biomedicine, with a special emphasis on pharmaceutics. Transport and logistics are an area where we see cooperation increasing. In May 2023, Latvian national airline airBaltic restarted direct flights between Riga and Baku, helping not only businesspeople to travel but allowing tourism to increase once again.

CE: Could you please tell us about trends registered in the field of economic relations of both states?

Egils Levits: After the global COVID-19 pandemic and the supply chain disruptions that followed, Russia's aggressive war in Ukraine has destabilized international trade. However, the trade volumes between our countries indicate growth and there are planned activities in the future, which can accelerate our economic cooperation.

For example, the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry with their Estonian and Finnish partners are engaged within the "LEF network to Azerbaijan" project. This project will be a good opportunity for Azerbaijan companies to make new con-

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tacts with the Baltic-Nordic region countries. For the next three years the plans of this project include mutual trade missions and business events.

CE: Azerbaijan is contributing to the energy security of the European Union. What are the prospects of cooperation between EU and Azerbaijan in the area of renewable energy?

Egils Levits: The current geopolitical situation pushes us to work harder towards energy transition and reaching global climate goals by reducing the dependency on fossil resources. We know that in addition to Azerbaijan's already existing thermal and hydro power plants, there is a huge potential for the wind energy generation from the Caspian Sea.

Similarly, in Latvia we have plans to develop more onshore wind farms, as well as offshore wind energy capacity from the Baltic Sea.

We support the EU–Azerbaijan Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of energy. We are also glad to hear about the recent visit of the Commissioner for Energy, Kadri Simson, to Azerbaijan and that the future cooperation in renewable energy exports to the EU were discussed.

During my visit, Latvian entrepreneurs visited the hybrid (solar and wind) alternative energy station in Gobustan, and Latvia would like to see Azerbaijan succeed in harnessing the potential of renewable in power generation.

The EU and its companies could help with our know-how, technology and private investments. In order to ensure the conditions for rapidly scaling up renewable energy generation capacity investment, we would encourage Azerbaijan to proceed with an effective auction regime for renewable energy on the back of the state-of-the-art framework that has been developed with the technical assistance provided by the EBRD.

Thank you for the interview

Мы хотели бы расширить сотрудничество с Азербайджаном

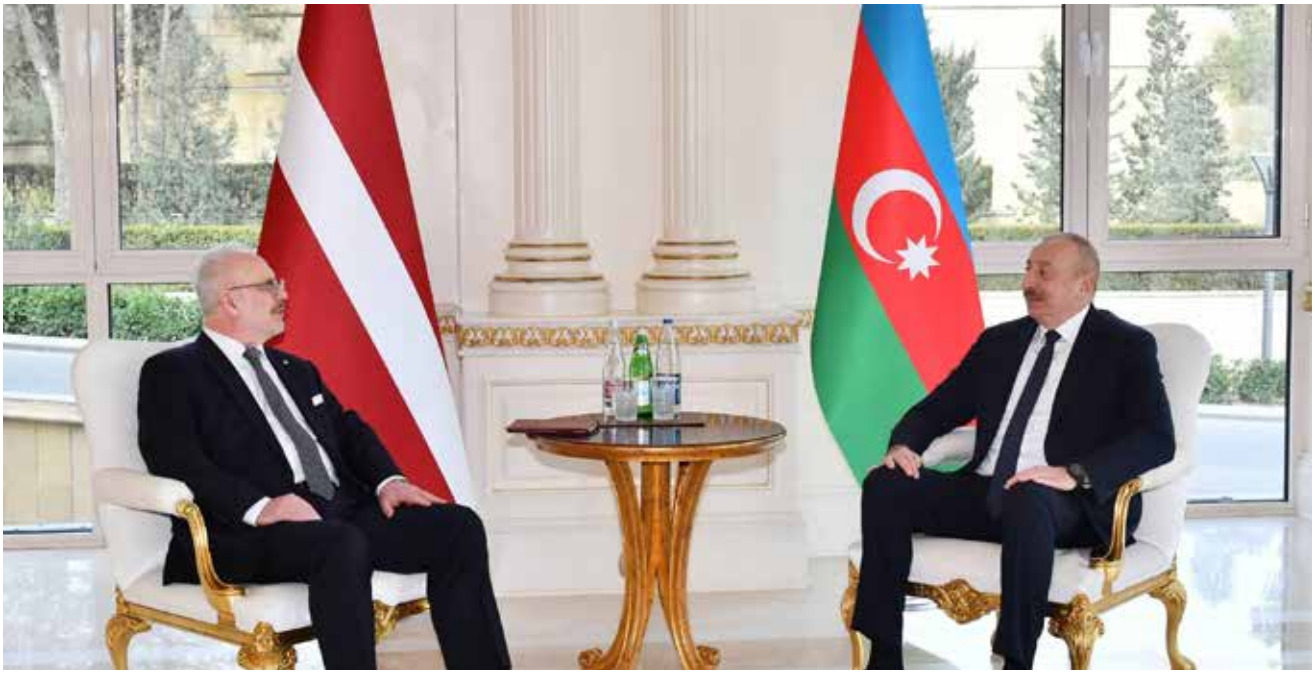
Экс-президент Латвийской Республики Эгилс Левитс

Caspian Energy (CE): Господин Левитс, как Вы оцениваете результаты визита в Азербайджан, состоявшегося в начале марта?

Экс-Президент Латвийской Республики Эгилс Левитс: Латвия и Азербайджан выстроили стабильные двусторонние связи, и Латвия заинтересована в продолжении политического диалога на всех уровнях. Местные органы власти обеих стран уже подписали 14 различных соглашений о сотрудничестве, в то время как Латвия и Азербайджан в 2024 году будут отмечать 30-ю годовщину установления дипломатических отношений. В последние годы экономические отношения между Латвией и Азербайджаном находятся на подъеме. Мы готовы обсудить более глубокое сотрудничество в таких областях, как информационно-коммуникационные технологии, умная энергетика и зеленые технологии. Еще одной сферой для сотрудничества является сектор транспорта и логистики. Азербайджан играет ключевую роль в усилиях ЕС по диверсификации поставщиков и маршрутов природного газа, тем самым укрепляя энергетическую независимость Европы. Мы хотели бы расширить это сотрудничество на возобновляемые источники энергии.

Латвия является одним из тех государств-членов НАТО, поддерживающих все более тесное сотрудничество между Альянсом и Азербайджаном в рамках инициативы Партнерство во имя мира и намерено сохранять Латвийское посольство в Баку в качестве точки связи альянса до 2024г.

Латвия готова внести свой вклад в укрепление международных организаций и основанный на правилах международный порядок – цель, которую можно было бы достичь более успешно вместе с Азербайджаном, а также в процессе подготовки кандидатуры Латвии в Совет Безопасности ООН в 2025 году.



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CE: Каковы ваши впечатления от 10-го Глобального Бакинского форума, прошедшего с вашим участием?

Эгилс Левитс: Для меня было честью и большим удовольствием принять участие в открытии 10-го Бакинского глобального форума весной 2023 года. Во времена, когда мир быстро меняется и настолько непредсказуем, мы действительно нуждаемся в глобальном диалоге. Идеи нынешних и бывших лидеров, собравшихся на Бакинском глобальном форуме, основаны на реальном опыте.

Я был особенно рад услышать о растущей поддержке создания специального международного трибунала для суда над Россией за преступление агрессии против Украины. Крайне важно, чтобы международное сообщество отреагировало на столь серьезную атаку на основы международного порядка, воплощенные в Уставе ООН с 1945 года.

Это было также моим посланием, открывая дискуссию о том, как повысить устойчивость перед лицом многочисленных кризисов и угроз безопасности, как государств, так и отдельных людей.

CE: Сотрудничество, в каких секторах экономики способствует установлению гораздо более тесных отношений между нашими странами?

Эгилс Левитс: Латвийские компании традиционно занимали лидирующие позиции в экспорте в Азербайджан продукции традиционных секторов сельского хозяйства, пищевой промышленности и фармацевтики. Тем не менее, мы хотели бы повысить эффективность наших торговых отношений в Азербайджане, предлагая латвийские технологии «умного города», зеленые технологии и логистические решения.

Для азербайджанских компаний важно знать, что мы находимся в центре инновационного Североевропейского региона, и мы можем стать воротами в единый европейский рынок для ваших компаний.

Во время недавнего визита генеральный директор Латвийского агентства инвестиций и развития Каспар Рожкалнс подписал меморандум о взаимопонимании со своим коллегой – агентством поощрения экспорта и инвестиций Азербайджанской Республики. Основными направлениями сотрудничества, обозначенными в меморандуме, являются биоэкономика, цифровизация и биомедицина с уделением особого внимания фармацевтике. Транспорт и логистика - это область, в которой мы наблюдаем расширение сотрудничества. В мае 2023 года латвийская национальная авиакомпания AirBaltic возобновила прямые рейсы между Ригой и Баку, что облегчит поездки не только бизнесменам, но и вновь позволит увеличить поток туризма.

CE: Не могли бы Вы рассказать о тенденциях в сфере экономических отношений?

Эгилс Левитс: После глобальной пандемии COVID-19 и последовавших за ней сбоев в цепочке поставок, агрессивная война России в Украине

дестабилизировала международную торговлю. Однако объемы торговли между нашими странами указывают на рост, и в будущем запланированы мероприятия, которые могут расширить наше экономическое сотрудничество.

Например, Латвийская торгово-промышленная палата совместно со своими эстонскими и финскими партнерами участвуют в проекте "Сеть LEF в Азербайджане". Этот проект станет хорошей возможностью для азербайджанских компаний установить новые контакты со странами Балтийско-Скандинавского региона. На ближайшие три года в планы этого проекта входят взаимные торговые миссии и деловые мероприятия.

CE: Азербайджан вносит свой вклад в энергетическую безопасность Европейского союза. Каковы перспективы сотрудничества между ЕС и Азербайджаном в области возобновляемых источников энергии?

Эгилс Левитс: Текущая геополитическая ситуация подталкивает нас к более активной работе по энергетическому переходу и достижению глобальных климатических целей путем снижения зависимости от ископаемых ресурсов. Мы знаем, что в дополнение к уже существующим в Азербайджане ТЭС и ГЭС существует огромный потенциал для выработки ветровой энергии Каспийского моря.

Аналогично, в Латвии мы планируем строительство большего количества наземных ветряных электростанций, а также морских ветроэнергетических мощностей в Балтийском море.

Мы поддерживаем меморандум о взаимопонимании между ЕС и Азербайджаном о сотрудничестве в области энергетики. Мы также рады услышать о недавнем визите комиссара по энергетике Кадри Симсон в Азербайджан и обсуждении будущего сотрудничества в области экспорта возобновляемой энергии в ЕС.

Во время моего визита латвийские предприниматели посетили гибридную (солнечную и ветряную) станцию альтернативной энергетики в Гобустане, и Латвия хотела бы, чтобы Азербайджан преуспел в использовании потенциала возобновляемых источников в выработке электроэнергии.

ЕС и его компании могли бы помочь с нашими ноу-хау, технологиями и частными инвестициями. Чтобы обеспечить условия для быстрого наращивания инвестиций в мощности по производству энергии из возобновляемых источников, мы рекомендуем Азербайджану перейти к эффективному режиму аукционов по возобновляемым источникам энергии на основе современной программы, которая была разработана при технической помощи ЕБРР.

Благодарим Вас за интервью

...мы рекомендуем Азербайджану перейти к эффективному режиму аукционов по возобновляемым источникам энергии на основе современной программы

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CASPIAN CONSTRUCTION WEEK	CASPIAN CONSTRUCTION WEEK	OCTOBER 15-17 www.caspianconstructionweek.az
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The EU enlargement policy aims to promote peace, stability, and reconciliation in Europe

EU Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi

Caspian Energy (CE): What does Eastern Partnership mean to the EU? To what extent has the trade-economic partnership been expanded with the Eastern Partnership countries?

Olivér Várhelyi, European Union Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement: As its name indicates, this is first and foremost a partnership between the Eastern neighbours and the EU. The Eastern Partnership – a joint policy initiative - is based on close cooperation through which we offer tangible benefits to citizens and the economies of our partner countries, leading to an increased political and economic integration within the region and with the EU.

For the last 14 years this Partnership has been a successful tool for building resilience and promoting our shared values. Furthermore, recognizing the European perspectives of Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia, and granting the status of candidate country to Ukraine and to Moldova, are proof of its success bringing these countries closer to the EU.

We are convinced that this regional framework remains a valid and important tool – in synergy with our enlargement policy – to address existing challenges from energy supply to food security. There is still so much the Eastern Partnership can do to promote a stable, peaceful and prosperous Europe and Eastern Neighbourhood, to the benefit of both. Through the Eastern Partnership, which includes a

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17 billion euro worth of Economic and Investment Plan, the EU is contributing to a more diversified economies in the region attracting investment and creating growth and jobs. It has also opened more trade and business opportunities as we improve connectivity, i.e. transport and digital infrastructure, energy security and efficiency infrastructure, as well as invest in young people. Moreover, the EU has concluded Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas with Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia as part of our Association Agreements with those countries. These are some of the EU's most ambitious agreements worldwide. They eliminate most tariffs and quotas in our trade as well as providing for alignment of their national legislation with EU legislation in areas such as public procurement, food and product safety. We also have close economic ties with Azerbaijan. Noteworthy is the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement - with negotiations underway to update it - that aims to further boost trade. All this bring our partners' economies closer to the EU internal market, bringing jobs, growth, innovation and higher standards to the people of the region. Trade between the EU and the Eastern Partnership region has

increased by over 20% in a decade, and the EU is now the main trading partner for four of the partners.

CE: What criteria should a candidate for EU enlargement meet?

Olivér Várhelyi: The European Union is an anchor of peace, stability, and prosperity in the world. And enlargement is a key policy as well as our primary tool to spread peace, stability, and prosperity further to our partners in our neighbourhood who are committed to our values and wish to join us.

The European Commission has been relentlessly working on advancing the accession process for the Eastern partners and the Western Balkans.

From 2023, our annual enlargement package will include 10 countries, as Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia are now also part of the enlargement reporting process. We will provide a full assessment of the implementation of their progress in the autumn and make recommendations on the way forward. But let me be clear; enlargement remains a merit-based process. There are no shortcuts; the Copenhagen criteria must be met by all. Also, important to underline that the process follows the new methodology, so the fundamentals are at the centre of our assessment.

CE: What are the values that the enlargement policy is based on, what is its practical expediency for the EU? What real problems of the European space does it allow to solve?

Olivér Várhelyi: The EU enlargement policy aims to promote peace, stability, and reconciliation in Europe. Therefore, for any country it is a strategic choice to apply for EU membership. The Western Balkans and lately, Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia have chosen to be part of an alliance of strong and prosperous nations. Also accepting these countries was a strategic choice on the EU's side as negotiations at the end lead to the full EU membership offering numerous benefits. One of the first, most visible benefits is that these countries can join the Single Market where goods, people, capital and services are free to move.

Therefore, enlargement promotes economic growth and prosperity for our partner countries, fostering economic integration and cooperation.

For this reason, at the beginning of this Commission's mandate we set up a substantial EUR 30 billion Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans with which we are progressing well. We approved another 14 investment flagship projects. So in total we approved 54 flagship investments with a value of EUR 2.3 billion in EU grants, that will leverage up to EUR 8 billion in investment in the next years.

Being part of the enlargement policy also means that we are there when it is needed. As the consequences of Russia's war against Ukraine needed fast mitigation, the EU decided to support the Western Balkans with a EUR 1 billion Energy Support Package, to help these countries to cushion the drastic increase of energy prices

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for businesses and vulnerable households in the immediate term, and to support the energy transition and security of supply over the short and medium term. This year we disbursed the first tranche to all our partners in the Western Balkans - EUR 450 million, anticipating 90% of the overall EUR 500 million budget support. We look forward to the implementation of the national energy action plans to disburse the rest of the funds. The second part of the package – also worth EUR 500 million – is provided via the Western Balkans Investment Framework to support the region over the short- to medium-term.

Moreover, as there is a new momentum behind enlargement, we want to accelerate the accession of the Western Balkans. Therefore, last month we announced a new growth plan for the region. This new plan is based on four pillars. First, to increase the integration with the EU's Single Market well before accession. Second, to boost regional economic integration based on EU rules. Third, to deepen reforms to accelerate regional growth and promote economic convergence. And fourth, an increased package of pre-accession funding to support all of this.

The message from the EU is clear; we are ready to reinforce our ties with enlargement countries and accelerate the accession process. Certainly, for this work, we also need a firm commitment from our partners to continue and accelerate the implementation of their EU reforms and reinforce regional cooperation so we can all build on the enlargement momentum.

CE: What are the outcomes of the Eastern partnership – EU summit dated 2021? How is the cooperation program being implemented in today's conditions?

Olivér Várhelyi: At the 6th Eastern Partnership Summit in December 2021, EU Member States and partners reaffirmed their strong partnership and solidarity. Together, they agreed to focus on an agenda of recovery, resilience, and reform, centred around two pillars to bring our people and economies closer together: good governance, and investment through the Economic and Investment Plan (EIP).

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has only made these priorities more relevant. However, in order to make the best possible use of the Eastern Partnership, it has to work in a way that is more flexible, focused and tailor-made to address the different needs and priorities of each partner country and that supports the EU path of Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova. Through this revitalised framework, we will continue to step up our engagement on security, good

governance, and socio-economic recovery. We will continue to invest in the green and digital transition, energy independence and health resilience. Our vision and determination are very much shared both by Member States and partners. The continued implementation of the EUR 17 billion Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) will be key for supporting these priorities across the region. The EIP is already delivering on the ground. Less than two years after the EIP was launched, EUR 5.3 billion have already been mobilised through bilateral and regional grants, blending operations and guarantees, of which EUR 3.2 billion are supporting the implementation of flagship projects.

In Azerbaijan, for example, our assistance has contributed to rolling out high speed internet to rural areas, improving waste management, or saving energy and money by making buildings more energy efficient. Moreover, we are also connecting the EU and the South Caucasus in a very physical sense through digital and energy cables under the Black Sea.

CE: In the recent exclusive interview to Caspian Energy, PM of North Macedonia Mr. Dimitar Kovachevski spoke about the progress of the accession negotiations with the EU. When do you expect North Macedonia to become a full-fledged member of the EU?

Olivér Várhelyi: The holding of the first political Intergovernmental Conference with North Macedonia last year was a major breakthrough and marked

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the beginning of a new phase in the EU accession process. The Commission launched immediately the screening of the EU acquis, which is the first step in the negotiating process. The screening is firmly on track and is proceeding smoothly.

The date of accession will depend on the speed of implementation of EU related reforms. Over the upcoming period, North Macedonia needs to use the full potential of the screening process to accelerate reforms, focussing on key areas of the rule of law, the judiciary, the fight against corruption and organised crime, as well as the public administration reform. Progress on these fundamental reforms will determine the overall pace of negotiations. Further, North Macedonia has committed to amending its constitution. This is a sovereign decision. The country provides a good example of a multi-ethnic society. Amending the constitution will further advance fundamental rights. Therefore, it is important that both government and opposition, as well as other parts of the society, work together for the EU future of North Macedonia. On our side, we remain committed to supporting North Macedonia to advance on its EU accession path.

CE: How do you assess the cooperation with Türkiye, a key partner of the EU?

Olivér Várhelyi: Türkiye remains a candidate country and a key partner of the European Union. We have a strong, strategic interest in the development of a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with Türkiye. The current geopolitical situation makes it ever more relevant to intensify cooperation for our shared prosperity and stability, including in the field of connectivity, digital, energy, human capital, migration and trade. As regards energy, the European Union seeks predictable and reliable partners for energy diversification and security. Türkiye continues to be a reliable transit country of natural gas and plays a central role in the expansion of the Southern Gas Corridor. There is considerable potential in stepping up cooperation across the board, including the development of offshore wind energy, green energy transition, nuclear safety and security. In this regard, the newly established Turkish Investment Platform opens the door to Türkiye to the European Fund for Sustainable Development+ that will mobilise capital and leverage funding to European and Turkish businesses and private sector. This innovative financial instrument will ensure that the EU can provide guarantees to mutually beneficial investments in Türkiye, through the support of the European financial institutions, including in the field of energy.

Thank you for the interview

Политика расширения ЕС направлена на содействие миру, стабильности и примирению в Европе

Еврокомиссар Оливер Вархейи

Caspian Energy (CE): Что означает для ЕС Восточное партнерство, насколько расширилось торгово-экономическое сотрудничество со странами Восточного партнерства?

Еврокомиссар по вопросам расширения и политике соседства Оливер Вархейи: Как следует из названия, это прежде всего партнерство между восточными соседями и ЕС. Восточное партнерство - совместная политическая инициатива - основана на тесном сотрудничестве, посредством которого мы предлагаем ощутимые выгоды гражданам и экономикам наших стран-партнеров, способствуя усилению политической и экономической интеграции внутри региона и с ЕС.

На протяжении последних 14 лет данное Партнерство стало успешным инструментом для повышения устойчивости и продвижения наших общих ценностей. Кроме того, признание европейских перспектив Украины, Молдовы и Грузии и предоставление статуса страны-кандидата Украине и Молдове является подтверждением успеха данной инициативы в сближении этих стран с ЕС.

Мы убеждены, что этот региональный механизм - в синергии с нашей политикой расширения - остается действенным и важным инструментом для решения существующих проблем, от энергоснабжения до продовольственной безопасности. Восточное партнерство может еще многое сделать для поддержания стабильности, мира и процветания Европы и региона Восточного соседства, что послужит на благо обеих сторон. Благодаря Восточному партнерству, которое включает план экономического и инвестиционного развития на сумму 17 миллиардов евро, ЕС вносит вклад в более диверсифицированные экономики в регионе, привлекая инвестиции, обеспечивая рост и создавая рабочие места. Это также открыло больше возможностей для торговли

Торговля между ЕС и регионом Восточного партнерства увеличилась более чем на 20% за десятилетие...

и бизнеса, поскольку мы улучшаем связи, то есть транспортную и цифровую инфраструктуру, инфраструктуру энергетической безопасности и эффективности, а также инвестируем в молодежь. Более того, ЕС заключил соглашения об углубленных и всеобъемлющих зонах свободной торговли с Украиной, Молдовой и Грузией в рамках наших соглашений об ассоциации с этими странами. Это одни из самых амбициозных мировых соглашений ЕС. Они устраняют большинство тарифов и квот в нашей торговле, а также обеспечивают приведение национальных законодательств этих стран в соответствие с законодательством ЕС в таких областях, как государственные закупки, безопасность продуктов питания и прочих товаров. Мы также поддерживаем тесные экономические связи с Азербайджаном, с которым у нас действует соглашение о партнерстве и сотрудничестве (ведутся переговоры по его обновлению), которое направлено на дальнейшее расширение торговли. Все это приближает экономики наших партнеров к внутреннему рынку ЕС, обеспечивая рабочие места, рост, инновации и более высокие стандарты для жителей региона. Торговля между ЕС и регионом Восточного партнерства увеличилась более чем на 20% за десятилетие, и в настоящее время ЕС является основным торговым партнером для четырех из партнеров.

CE: Каким критериям должен соответствовать кандидат на расширение ЕС?

Оливер Вархейи: Европейский союз является оплотом мира, стабильности и процветания во всем мире. И расширение является ключевой политикой, а также нашим основным инструментом для дальнейшего распространения мира, стабильности и процветания среди партнеров в регионе нашего соседства, которые привержены нашим ценностям и желают присоединиться к нам.

Европейская комиссия неустанно работает над продвижением процесса вступления для восточных партнеров и западных Балкан.

С 2023 года наш ежегодный пакет расширения будет включать 10 стран, поскольку Украина, Молдова и Грузия теперь также являются частью процесса предоставления отчетности о расширении членского состава. Осенью мы представим полную оценку достигнутого ими прогресса и дадим рекомендации относительно дальнейших действий. Но позвольте мне прояснить, что расширение остается процессом, основанным на заслугах. Кратчайших путей нет, все кандидаты должны соблюдать Копенгагенские критерии.

Также важно подчеркнуть, что процесс осуществляется в соответствии с новой методологией, поэтому в основе нашей оценки лежат базовые показатели.

CE: На каких ценностях основана политика расширения, в чем ее практическая целесообразность для ЕС? Какие реальные проблемы европейского пространства она позволяет решить?

Оливер Вархейи: Политика расширения ЕС нацелена на содействие миру, стабильности и обеспечение примирения в Европе. Поэтому для любой страны подача заявки на членство в ЕС является стратегическим выбором. Западные Балканы, а в последнее время Украина, Молдова и Грузия решили стать частью альянса сильных и процветающих стран. Кроме того, принятие этих стран было стратегическим выбором со стороны ЕС, поскольку переговоры в конечном итоге приводят к полноправному членству в ЕС, дающему многочисленные преимущества. Одним из первых и наиболее заметных преимуществ является то, что эти страны могут присоединиться к Единому рынку, где товары, люди, капитал и услуги могут свободно перемещаться.

Таким образом, расширение способствует экономическому росту и процветанию наших стран-партнеров, способствуя экономической интеграции и сотрудничеству.

По этой причине с начала действия мандата этой Комиссии мы разработали существенный экономический и инвестиционный план стоимостью 30 миллиардов евро для Западных Балкан, который мы успешно реализуем. Мы одобрили еще 14 флагманских инвестиционных проектов. Таким образом, в общей сложности мы одобрили 54 флагманских инвестиционных проекта на сумму 2,3 млрд евро в виде грантов ЕС, что позволит привлечь до 8 млрд. евро инвестиций в последующие годы.

Участие в политике расширения также означает, что мы всегда рядом, когда это необходимо. Поскольку требовалось скорейшее смягчение последствий войны России против Украины, ЕС решил предоставить странам партнерам на Западных Балканах пакет поддержки в сфере энергетики на 1 млрд евро, чтобы помочь им смягчить резкое повышение цен на энергоносители для бизнеса и уязвимых домохозяйств в ближайшей перспективе, а также поддержать энергетический переход и надежность поставок в краткосрочной и среднесрочной перспективе. В этом году мы выделили первый транш всем нашим партнерам на Западных Балканах - 450 миллионов евро, что составляет 90% от общей бюджетной поддержки в размере 500 миллионов евро. Мы с нетерпением ожидаем реализации национальных планов действий в области энергетики для выделения остальных средств. Вторая часть па-

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кета — также на сумму 500 миллионов евро — предоставляется через рамочную программу по инвестированию на территории Западных Балкан с целью поддержки региона в краткосрочной и среднесрочной перспективе.

Более того, поскольку расширение получило новый импульс, мы хотим ускорить присоединение Западных Балкан. Поэтому в прошлом месяце мы объявили о новом плане развития региона. Этот новый план основан на четырех основных принципах. Во-первых, усилить интеграцию с Единым рынком ЕС задолго до вступления. Во-вторых, стимулировать региональную экономическую интеграцию на основе правил ЕС. В-третьих, углублять реформы для ускорения регионального роста и содействия экономической конвергенции. И в-четвертых, увеличить пакет финансирования до вступления в ЕС для поддержки всех этих инициатив.

Послание ЕС ясно: мы готовы укреплять наши связи со странами, участвующими в процессе расширения и ускорить процесс вступления. Конечно, для этой работы мы также нуждаемся в твердой приверженности наших партнеров продолжению и ускорению реализации их проевросоюзных реформ и укреплению регионального сотрудничества, чтобы мы все могли наращивать темпы расширения членского состава.

CE: Каковы результаты саммита Восточное партнерство - ЕС от 2021 года? Как программа сотрудничества реализуется в сегодняшних условиях?

Оливер Вархейи: На 6-м саммите Восточного партнерства, состоявшемся в декабре 2021 года, государства - члены и партнеры ЕС подтвердили свое прочное партнерство и солидарность. Вместе они договорились акцентировать внимание на программе, посвященной вопросам восстановления, устойчивости и реформ, и сосредоточенной вокруг двух столпов, призванных сблизить наши народы и экономики: эффективное управление и инвестиции в рамках Экономического и инвестиционного плана (EIP).

Агрессивная война России против Украины лишь придала этим приоритетам больше актуальности. Однако для максимально эффективного использования Восточного партнерства, оно должно работать более гибким, целенаправленным и приспособленным к различным потребностям и приоритетам каждой страны-партнера образом, поддерживая путь Украины, Грузии и Молдовы в ЕС. Благодаря этой обновленной программе мы продолжим наращивать наше сотрудничество в вопросах безопасности, надлежащего управления и социально-экономического восстановления. Мы

продолжим инвестировать в зеленую и цифровую трансформацию, энергетическую независимость и устойчивость систем здравоохранения. Наше видение и решимость во многом разделяют как государства-члены, так и партнеры. Дальнейшая реализация Экономического и инвестиционного плана (EIP) стоимостью 17 миллиардов евро будет иметь ключевое значение для поддержки этих приоритетов во всем регионе. Экономический и инвестиционный план (EIP) уже приносит плоды на практике. Менее чем через два года после запуска экономического и инвестиционного плана (EIP) уже были привлечены средства в размере 5,3 миллиарда евро за счет двусторонних и региональных грантов, смешанных операций и гарантий, из которых 3,2 миллиарда евро направлены на поддержку реализации флагманских проектов.

В Азербайджане, например, наша помощь способствовала развертыванию высокоскоростного интернета в сельских районах, улучшению управления отходами или экономии энергии и денег за счет повышения энергоэффективности зданий. Более того, мы также соединяем ЕС и Южный Кавказ в самом прямом физическом смысле посредством цифровых и энергетических кабелей по дну Черного моря.

CE: В недавнем эксклюзивном интервью Caspian Energy премьер-министр Северной Македонии г-н Димитар Ковачевски рассказал о ходе переговоров о вступлении в ЕС. Когда Вы ожидаете становление Северной Македонии полноправным членом ЕС?

Оливер Вархейи: Проведение в прошлом году первой политической межправительственной конференции с Северной Македонией стало крупным прорывом и ознаменовало начало нового этапа в процессе вступления страны в ЕС. Комиссия немедленно приступила к проверке (скринингу) на соответствие законодательству ЕС, что является первым шагом в переговорном процессе. Процесс скрининга продвигается успешно и слаженно.

Дата вступления будет зависеть от скорости реализации реформ, связанных с ЕС. В предстоящий период Северной Македонии необходимо использовать весь потенциал процесса скрининга для ускорения реформ, сосредоточив внимание на ключевых областях верховенства права, судебной системы, борьбы с коррупцией и организованной преступностью, а также реформы государственного управления. Прогресс в осуществлении этих основополагающих реформ будет опреде-

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лять общий темп переговоров. Кроме того, Северная Македония обязалась внести поправки в свою конституцию. Это суверенное решение. Страна является хорошим примером многонационального общества. Внесение поправок в конституцию будет способствовать дальнейшему расширению фундаментальных прав. Поэтому важно, чтобы и правительство, и оппозиция, а также другие части общества работали сообща ради будущего Северной Македонии в ЕС. Со своей стороны, мы по-прежнему привержены поддержке Северной Македонии в продвижении по пути вступления в ЕС.

CE: Как Вы оцениваете сотрудничество с Турцией, ключевым партнером ЕС?

Оливер Вархейи: Турция остается страной-кандидатом и ключевым партнером Европейского союза. У нас сильный стратегический интерес в развитии сотрудничества и взаимовыгодных отношений с Турцией. Нынешняя геополитическая ситуация придает еще большую актуальность активизации сотрудничества во имя нашего общего процветания и стабильности, в том числе в области связи, цифровых технологий, энергетики, человеческого капитала, миграции и торговли. Что касается энергетики, то Европейский союз ищет предсказуемых и надежных партнеров для энергетической диверсификации и безопасности. Турция продолжает оставаться надежной страной по транзиту природного газа и играет центральную роль в расширении Южного Газового Коридора. Существует значительный потенциал для расширения сотрудничества по всем направлениям, включая развитие морской ветроэнергетики, переход к зеленой энергетике и ядерную безопасность. В связи с этим недавно созданная Турецкая инвестиционная платформа открывает перед Турцией двери в Европейский фонд устойчивого развития plus (+), который будет мобилизовать капитал и привлекать финансирование для европейского и турецкого бизнеса и частного сектора. Этот инновационный финансовый инструмент гарантирует, что ЕС сможет предоставить гарантии взаимовыгодным инвестициям в Турции благодаря поддержке европейских финансовых институтов, в том числе в области энергетики.

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Digitalisation is transforming finance

EU Commissioner Mairead McGuinness

Caspian Energy (CE): EU plans to become climate-neutral by 2050. Will it be public or private investments playing a major role in achieving this goal during the transition period? What measures have been taken or conditions were set up to mobilize funding to support the energy transition?

Mairead McGuinness, European Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and the Capital Markets Union: The EU will need additional investments of over EUR 620 billion annually to meet the objectives of the Green Deal and RepowerEU, along with investments of EUR 92 billion until 2030 to meet the objectives of the Net Zero

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Industrial Act. **Public funding will play a role – but the scale of investment required is beyond the capacity of the public sector acting alone. That's why we have sustainable finance: to channel private financial flows into economic activities that support the transition to sustainability.**

Private interest in sustainable investment has grown considerably in recent years but requires rules and guidelines for sustainable finance that are clear, consistent, and robust. To that end, the EU has put in place three pillars:

- First, the EU Taxonomy: this is a detailed glossary on sustainable economic activities. It aims to support investors to finance transition and sustainable projects that substantially improve the environmental performance of activities across all key economic sectors. By clearly defining what is aligned with EU environmental goals, the EU Taxonomy seeks to encourage companies to launch new projects, or upgrade existing ones, to meet these criteria. Alongside the Taxonomy, an important step towards fighting greenwashing and other types of misinformation was the adoption in June of a proposal on the transparency and integrity of ESG rating activities.

- Second, disclosures: Through the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, the EU has also put in place a comprehensive disclosure regime impacting the whole financial sector to increase transparency about environmental, social and governance (ESG) impacts, risks, and opportunities and following a double materiality approach. The forthcoming European Sustainability Reporting Standards will contribute to completing this framework by enabling companies to communicate sustainability information in a standardised and proportionate manner, and accordingly facilitate their access to sustainable finance.

- Third, a set of investment tools: such as the EU Green Bond Standards and the EU Climate Benchmarks which aim to support financial market participants in their efforts to align their investment strategies with the EU's climate and environmental goals.

We are now focusing on completing this framework, while at the same time ensuring it works effectively to help the real economy in the transition. Our objective is to keep environmental ambition high and related burdens low, ensuring the long-term competitiveness of our companies.

On 13 June, we presented a package that strengthens these foundations and make sure everything works well in practice.

- As part of this package, we presented an overview of recent measures the Commission has taken to address key implementation issues reported by stakeholders. These measures aim to ensure rules are as easy to implement as possible, clear, and consistent, while minimising administrative burdens as much as possible. The Commission will continue its work on improving the usability of the taxonomy and the wider sustainable finance framework, with the support of the European Supervisory Authorities and the Platform on Sustainable Finance, and based on continuing stakeholder engagement.

- We have clarified that sustainable finance is not only about companies that are already green. In particular, we have provided guidance on how the EU taxonomy, EU Green Bond Standard, the Benchmark Regulation and our other tools can be used voluntarily by companies at different starting points to attract capital for financing projects for their transition and in ways that ensure a trusting environment for investors and the credibility of transition investment opportunities.

CE: Dear Madam Commissioner, we would like to hear from you more about the advantages of the MiCA regulation, about the way it will protect consumers and safeguard financial stability?

Mairead McGuinness: MiCA is about providing market integrity, protecting consumers and investors and ensuring financial stability in crypto-asset markets. The EU is the first major jurisdiction in the world with thorough, bespoke rules covering all crypto-assets (including stablecoins) that don't qualify elsewhere under existing financial services legislation. We're moving these previously unregulated crypto-assets into the regulated space

For example, it would address risks of market manipulation (and subsequent volatility), theft of crypto-assets stemming from providers having inadequate IT security in place. Many crypto-assets are speculative instruments and still reserved for investors who are prepared to make these risky investments. MiCA would ensure that this is clear for all potential retail investors in advance of any possible investment.

There would also be the possibility of product intervention in cases where a crypto-asset or a crypto-asset activity gives rise to significant investor protection concerns or poses a significant threat to markets.

CE: To what extent has the green financing strategy been developed, and how do you assess the implementation progress of the European Green Deal?

Mairead McGuinness: The European Green Deal sets very ambitious goals, which would eventually lead us to climate neutrality by 2050. We know that public money won't be enough and we have been working hard to ensure the financial system and corporates play their role in the transition.

We started with our first sustainable finance action plan in 2018 and in just five years, we've built a strong rulebook that supports the flow of private finance towards sustainable investments.

The good news is that the EU sustainable finance framework is increasingly being used by the market, facilitating private finance for green and transition investments. For instance, the first indications of corporate taxonomy reporting from this year are encouraging, with companies across key sectors making good use of the taxonomy as part of their sustainability efforts. The first reporting data we are getting, although not yet complete, confirms that the EU Taxonomy is a standard that companies can usefully employ on the ground to advance their transition. 63% of the STOXX Europe 600 companies reported their taxonomy-alignment figures already, and 30% of these companies reported non-zero alignment. But what is even more encouraging is that these companies reporting non-zero figures have on average 23% taxonomy-aligned capital expenditure, 24% taxonomy-aligned operational expenditure and 17% taxonomy-aligned revenues.

In addition, recent figures on the EU Climate Benchmarks show that the Paris Aligned Benchmarks (PABs) and Climate Transition Benchmarks (CTBs) have been recognised by major investment institu-

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Our Digital Finance Strategy sets out to foster innovation...

tions, including public institutions and non-EU institutions, as solid tools to help investors tailor their portfolios to follow a decarbonisation pathway. Assets under management of financial products referencing a PAB or CTB benchmark have already reached an estimated EUR 116 billion in 2023.

The benefits from applying the framework will increase with the progressive availability of data. The European Single Access Point – which will offer a one-stop-shop for public financial and sustainability-related information about EU companies – will enable digital and open access to that data.

CE: What are the latest digital technologies introduced in the financial system of the EU?

Mairead McGuinness: Digitalisation is transforming finance. It leads to new ways of producing financial services and products, new ways of consuming them and new types of entities distributing and promoting them. Innovative market participants are deploying new technologies and existing business models are evolving. All this has a direct impact on how we regulate and supervise.

Our Digital Finance Strategy sets out to foster innovation while managing the risks. I would like to mention in particular two technologies which have the potential to transform finance, and which we are taking into account in our regulatory work.

First distributed ledger technologies, or DLT. These technologies are at the heart of crypto assets which have seen many instances of scams and instability, calling for much tighter regulation of the sector, and the EU has responded with the MiCA legislation. But if properly regulated, DLT also has the potential to make capital markets more efficient and make access to them cheaper including for smaller companies. This is highly relevant for our objective to develop the Capital Markets Union in the EU. This year, we launched a pilot DLT, both established financial companies and newcomers are able to experiment with issuing, trading and settling shares or bonds using blockchain technology. I want to encourage financial firms to consider participating and we are awaiting the first projects with great interest.

Second, the financial sector is increasingly using AI. We see it used for detecting fraud, assessing people's creditworthiness and in assessing risk more generally, in financial advice, when making investment decisions and when executing trades. There has been a renewed interest in AI following the release of generative AI systems like ChatGPT. Generative AI is likely to broaden the uptake of AI generally, including in the financial sector. AI can reshape client experiences, transform the operations of financial institutions, improve risk and fraud management processes and help with regulatory compliance. It can improve accuracy and efficiency in decision-making, it can improve fraud detection and prevention, it can automate customer service and improve risk assessment and management. But if not properly handled, AI also creates risks, for example risks of exclusion. The EU has therefore proposed a broad regulatory framework, the AI Act, which cuts across sectors, and we hope that the European Parliament and the EU Member States will agree on it in inter-institutional negotiations as soon as possible.

Thank you for the interview

Цифровизация преобразовывает мир финансов

Еврокомиссар Мейрид Макгиннес

Caspian Energy (CE): ЕС планирует стать климатически нейтральным к 2050 году. Какие формы инвестиций — государственные или частные — сыграют важную роль в достижении этой цели в переходный период? Какие были приняты меры и созданы условия для мобилизации финансовых средств для поддержки энергетического перехода?

Член Европейской комиссии по вопросам финансовых услуг, финансовой стабильности и рынкам капитала Мейрид Макгиннес: Для достижения целей «Зеленого курса» и плана «RePowerEU», помимо инвестиций в размере 92 миллиарда евро до 2030 года для выполнения задач, предусмотренных Законом о чистых нулевых выбросах, ЕС ежегодно потребуются дополни-

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тельные инвестиции в размере более 620 миллиардов евро. **Бюджетное финансирование будет играть определенную роль, однако объемы требуемых инвестиций выходят за рамки возможностей одного публичного сектора. Именно поэтому у нас есть модель устойчивого финансирования: частные финансовые потоки направляются в экономическую деятельность, способствующую переходу к устойчивому развитию.**

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1) Таксономия. Составление подробного глоссария по устойчивой экономической деятельности. Он призван поддержать инвесторов в финансировании переходных и экологически устойчивых проектов, которые существенно улучшают экологические показатели деятельности во всех ключевых отраслях экономики. Четко обозначая, что согласуется с экологическими целями ЕС, таксономия ЕС должна поощрять компании к запуску новых или модернизации существующих проектов в соответствии с этими критериями. Наряду с таксономией важным шагом на пути к борьбе с «гринвошингом» («зеленым пиаром») и другими видами дезинформации стало принятие в июне предложения о прозрачности и надежности рейтингов организаций по экологическим, социальным и управленческим параметрам (ESG).

2) Раскрытие информации. Приняв Регламент о раскрытии информации об устойчивом финансировании и Директивы о корпоративной отчетности в области устойчивого развития ЕС ввел режим всестороннего раскрытия информации, затрагивающий весь финансовый сектор, в целях повышения прозрачности в отношении экологических, социальных и управленческих (ESG) последствий, рисков и возможностей и руководствующийся подходом двойной значимости. Принимаемые сейчас Европейские стандарты отчетности в области устойчивого развития дополнят этот режим, позволяя компаниям передавать информацию об устойчивом развитии в стандартизированной и соразмерной форме, что облегчит им доступ к устойчивому финансированию.

3) Инвестиционный инструментарий. В частности, Стандарты зеленых облигаций ЕС и Климатические критерии ЕС, которые призваны обеспечивать поддержку участникам финансового рынка в их усилиях по приведению своих инвестиционных стратегий в соответствие с климатическими и экологическими целями ЕС.

В настоящее время мы сосредоточены на том, чтобы завершить работу над данной программой и сделать так, чтобы она эффективно помогала реальной экономике в переходный период. Мы стремимся к поддержанию высокого уровня экологических целей при минимизации связанного с этим бремени, чтобы наши компании были конкурентоспособными в долгосрочном периоде.

13 июня мы представили пакет, который укрепляет эти основы и обеспечивает их действенность на практике.

- В рамках этого пакета мы представили общий обзор недавно принятых Еврокомиссией мер по решению ключевых проблем реализации, о которых сообщили заинтересованные стороны. Эти меры призваны сделать правила и нормы максимально простыми в применении, а также четкими и последовательными, при одновременном максимальном устранении административных барьеров. Еврокомиссия продолжит работу по повышению удобства использования таксономии и схем устойчивого финансирования в целом при поддержке европейских надзорных органов, Платформы устойчивого финансирования, при постоянном участии заинтересованных сторон.

- Мы пояснили, что устойчивое финансирование не только для тех компаний, которые уже экологичны. В частности, мы издали указания о том, каким образом таксономия ЕС, Стандарт зеленых облигаций ЕС, Регламент о критериях и другие наши инструменты могут добровольно применяться компаниями различных изначальных статусов для привлечения капитала на проекты по их преобразованию, чтобы обеспечить доверительную среду для инвесторов и состоятельность инвестиций в преобразования.

CE: Уважаемая член Еврокомиссии, не могли бы Вы подробнее рассказать о преимуществах Закона о рынках криптоактивов (MiCA) в ЕС и о том, как он будет обеспечивать защиту потребителей и финансовую стабильность?

Мейрид Макгиннес: Закон о рынках криптоактивов (MiCA) ориентирован на обеспечение целостности рынка, защиту потребителей и инвесторов и обеспечение финансовой стабильности на рынках криптоактивов. ЕС является первой в мире крупной юрисдикцией, установившей тщательно продуманные индивидуализированные правила по всем криптоактивам (включая стейблкоины), которые больше нигде не подпадают под действие существующего законодательства о финансовых услугах. Мы перемещаем эти прежде нерегулировавшиеся криптоактивы в правовое пространство.

Это, в частности, позволит устранить риски манипулирования рынком (и возникающей из-за этого волатильности), кражи крипто-активов у недостаточно информационно защищенных провайдеров. Многие криптоактивы, будучи спекулятивными инструментами, до сих пор остаются в пользовании инвесторов, готовых осуществлять такие рискованные инвестиции. MiCA гарантирует, что данная информация доведена до сведения всех потенциальных розничных инвесторов до совершения любых возможных инвестиций.

Также предусматривается возможность вмешательства в оборот продукта, когда криптоактив или деятельность, с ним связанная, вызывает серьезные опасения в части безопасности инвесторов

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или представляет существенную угрозу для рынков.

CE: Насколько разработана стратегия зеленого финансирования, и как Вы оцениваете ход реализации Европейского «зеленого курса»?

Мейрид Макгиннес: В своем «Зеленом курсе» ЕС ставит очень масштабные цели, которые в конечном итоге к 2050 году приведут нас к климатической нейтральности. Мы знаем, что бюджетных средств для этого будет недостаточно, и прилагаем все усилия, чтобы в преобразованиях сыграли свою роль финансовая система и корпорации.

Первый план действий по финансированию устойчивого развития мы начали в 2018 году и всего за пять лет разработали надежный свод правил, поддерживающих ориентацию потоков частного капитала на устойчивые инвестиции.

Из плюсов - рынок все шире использует систему устойчивого финансирования ЕС, что способствует частным инвестициям в зеленые и преобразовательные проекты. Например, первые результаты отчетности по корпоративной таксономии за этот год обнадеживают, компании важнейших отраслей эффективно используют Таксономию для обеспечения собственной экологичности. Первые отчетные данные получены еще не полностью, но уже подтверждают, что Таксономия ЕС является стандартом, который компании могут с пользой применять для форсирования своего перехода. 63% компаний из списка STOXX Europe 600 уже сдали отчеты о показателях таксономического соответствия, и 30% из этих компаний сообщают о ненулевом уровне. Еще больше обнадеживает то, что эти компании, сообщившие о ненулевых показателях, в среднем соответствуют требованиям таксономии 23% капитальных затрат, 24% операционных расходов и 17% выручки.

Кроме того, последние данные по Климатическим критериям ЕС свидетельствуют о том, что критерии, соответствующие Парижскому соглашению (КСПС) и Критерии климатического перехода (ККП) уже признаны крупными инвестиционными институтами, включая государственные учреждения и организации за пределами ЕС, в качестве надежных инструментов, помогающих инвесторам приспособить свои портфели к курсу декарбонизации. По некоторым оценкам, в 2023 году объем активов в управлении финансовых продуктов, соответствующих КСПС или КПП, уже достиг 116 миллиардов евро.

По мере увеличения объема поступающих данных преимущества применения этой системы будут возрастать. Европейская единая точка доступа, «единое окно» для получения информации о компаниях ЕС, связанной с бюджетными финансами и деятель-

ностью в сфере устойчивого развития, обеспечит открытый цифровой доступ к этим данным.

CE: Какие новейшие цифровые технологии внедрены в финансовую систему ЕС?

Мейрид Макгиннес: Цифровизация преобразовывает мир финансов. Она создает новые способы предоставления финансовых услуг и продуктов, новые возможности их потребления и новые виды организаций, распространяющих и популяризирующих их. Участники инновационного рынка внедряют новые технологии, а действующие бизнес-модели эволюционируют. Все это оказывает непосредственное влияние на то, как мы регулируем и контролируем.

Наша Стратегия цифрового финансирования призвана стимулировать инновации, регулируя при этом риски. В частности, я хотела бы упомянуть две технологии, обладающие потенциалом трансформировать финансы, которые мы учитываем в нашей регуляторной деятельности.

Первая - это технология распределенных реестров. Она лежит в основе криптоактивов, с которыми уже было множество случаев мошенничества и нестабильности, что требует гораздо более жесткого регулирования данного сектора. И ЕС отреагировал на это принятием Закона о рынках криптоактивов (MiCA). Однако при надлежащем регулировании технология распределенных реестров может повысить эффективность рынков капитала и удешевить к ним доступ, в том числе для небольших компаний. Это очень актуально для нашей цели развития Союза рынков капитала в ЕС. В этом году мы запустили пилотную версию распределенных реестров, позволяющую как авторитетным финансовым компаниям, так и новичкам экспериментировать с выпуском, торговлей и расчетами акций или облигаций при помощи технологий блокчейна. Предлагаю финансовым фирмам рассмотреть возможность участия в этом; мы с большим интересом ожидаем первых проектов.

Во-вторых, финансовый сектор все шире использует искусственный интеллект (ИИ). Мы видим, что им пользуются для выявления мошенничества, оценки кредитоспособности людей и в целом для оценки рисков, при финансовых консультациях, принятии инвестиционных решений и совершении торговых сделок. Интерес к искусственному интеллекту возродился после выпуска генеративных систем искусственного интеллекта, таких как ChatGPT. Генеративный искусственный интеллект, вероятно, расширит применение ИИ в целом, в том числе в финансовом секторе. Искусственный интеллект может изменить процессы работы с клиентами, преобразовать операции финансовых учреждений, улучшить процессы управления рисками и мошенничеством и помочь в соблюдении нормативных требований. Он может повысить точность и оперативность в принятии решений, сделать эффективней выявление и предотвращение мошенничества, автоматизировать обслуживание клиентов и усовершенствовать оценку рисков и управление ими. Однако при ненадлежащем обращении искусственный интеллект также создает риски, например, риски исключения. Поэтому ЕС предложил принять общерегулятивный акт, Закон об ИИ, который будет охватывать все отрасли, и мы надеемся, что Европейский парламент и государства — члены ЕС согласуют его на межведомственных переговорах как можно скорее.

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WE NEED TO MAKE THE TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

Minister of the Environment, Climate and Energy of the Republic of Slovenia Bojan Kumer

Caspian Energy (CE): What can you say about the current energy security level of Slovenia?

Bojan Kumer, Minister of the Environment, Climate and Energy of the Republic of Slovenia: In Slovenia, we have well-developed and reliable networks and cross-border interconnections and an adequate diversification of sources and supply routes. The supply of energy, energy products and services cannot be provided solely within Slovenia, so we also depend on the supply, demand and development of markets in the wider region. Slovenia is dependent on imports for almost 50% of its energy. We import all fossil fuels for transport, which has a definite impact on their reliability. We need to make the transition to sustainable and renewable energy sources before

the world's fossil fuel reserves are exhausted. Therefore, all decisions in the Slovenian energy sector are aimed at ensuring an energy supply from sustainable and renewable sources. Our goal is to reduce import dependency to the minimum acceptable level.

We recognise in our energy strategy documents the need to strengthen energy independence through renewable energy sources. We are in the process of setting new binding national climate and energy targets for 2030, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing energy efficiency and increasing the share of renewable energy in total energy consumption.

At the moment, the answers to Slovenia's energy problems also depend on the Russo-Ukrainian war and its effects, which have led to soaring prices of energy. We had to regulate the prices of fuel, electricity and gas. For the winter of 2024, supply issues and the growing difficulties with the provision of gas from sources other than Russia may require a rethinking of the situation and could demand cuts in energy usage by both citizens and industry.

CE: What is the share of local electricity production in meeting domestic energy demand?

Bojan Kumer: For many years, electricity production in Slovenia was roughly equal to consumption. It should be borne in mind that the nuclear power plant in Krško is half-owned by Croatia and half of the energy from this plant is exported to Croatia. For this reason, Slovenia is often portrayed as import-dependent in the area of electricity, and if we deduct half of the output of the nuclear power plant, this amounts to around 18% of Slovenia's consumption on an annual basis.

However, this picture may deteriorate in the coming years. We foresee a gradual increase in electricity consumption, while electricity production from lignite will decrease. We hope that by building new capacities to generate electricity from renewable sources (hydro, solar, wind) we will be able to produce enough to avoid annual import dependency.

In any case, Slovenia imports and exports energy on an hourly basis all the time. Even on an annual basis, imports and exports account for more than 50% of domestic consumption. This is partly due to the large extent of transit through Slovenia, and partly due to occasional exports and occasional imports. Exports are typically in the morning and evening peak periods and imports at night and during the day. On the other hand, imports are made throughout the month during overhauls of large units (the nuclear power plant). Slovenia's electricity system is so well interconnected with neighbouring systems that it is possible to import all of Slovenia's consumption.

CE: Which countries does Slovenia find the most important for cooperation in the field of energy?

Bojan Kumer: In terms of the energy supply, the most important countries for Slovenia's are its neighbours: Austria, Italy, Croatia and Hungary. Of course, we are strongly influenced by everything that happens on the internal energy market.

CE: Does the country plan to increase natural gas purchases?

Bojan Kumer: Slovenia consumes approx. 10 TWh of gas per year. In 2024, consumption is expected to increase by approx. 15–20% due to the change of fuel used for district heating in Ljubljana, namely, gas will replace coal as an energy source.

In the future, the impact of efficient energy use measures on the consumption of energy sources, including natural gas, can be expected. In light of the increased introduction of renewable sources and intensive electrification, it is possible to expect increased operation of gas power plants as support to the introduction of renewable electricity sources.

Moreover, the capacities of gas power plants may increase in the next 10 to 15 years – and consequently the consumption of gas may also increase – due to the aforementioned support for renewable energy sources and the termination of the use of coal.

CE: To what extent did the country's energy sector manage to overcome the consequences of the past year's drought and water decline in the rivers, observed across almost the whole of Europe?

Bojan Kumer: Despite all the difficulties, the energy market has been functioning well, so there has been no need for reductions in the electricity and gas supply. Consumers have reduced their energy consumption due to high prices, despite price regulation for certain groups. Our main focus has been on the problem of suppliers leaving the market and we have taken action to ensure that no end-users are left without a supply of energy for this reason.

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CE: Are there plans to build a new nuclear power plant and upgrade the Krško NPP?

Bojan Kumer: One possible scenario for the implementation of the national energy policy is that the construction of a second unit at the nuclear power plant in Krško could realise the transition to a low-carbon society through a combination of other available low-carbon energy sources (nuclear, hydro and solar), thus providing a stable, cost-competitive and low-carbon electricity system of the future for Slovenia and the wider region.

While the preparatory procedures for the spatial planning of the project are already underway, many other steps and decisions are still needed before an investment decision can be taken.

CE: Europe aspires to become climate neutral by 2050. To what extent do you find it possible to achieve this goal by means of alternative energy resources, and handle it without nuclear energy?

Bojan Kumer: Currently, Slovenia is drawing up an update of the Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) in order to update its objectives in the area of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy sources. Slovenia aims to achieve climate neutrality in the same way as other EU countries. To this end, two scenarios for the abandonment of fossil resources have been drawn up as part of the expert basis for updating the NECPs: one scenario is based on the use of renewable energy sources and nuclear energy, while the other envisages a transition to only renewable energy sources. No decision has yet been taken concerning the choice of suitable scenario, as the government is committed to calling a referendum regarding the further use of nuclear energy in Slovenia. Additional studies and analyses need to be drawn up for the purpose of decision-making at the referendum.

CE: Which types of renewable energy sources are broadly introduced in Slovenia, and what are their shares in energy generation?

Bojan Kumer: The Government of Slovenia has adopted the Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of the Republic of Slovenia (NEPN), a strategic document laying down the objectives, policies, and measures for Slovenia in accordance with the European Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action. In the sphere of decarbonisation and renewable energy sources, several renewable energy sources are being introduced in Slovenia, with the goal of reaching at least a 27% share of renewables by the year 2030. The actual share of renewables in final energy consumption in Slovenia in 2020 was 24.1%. The sector goal for that year was not reached and Slovenia had to compensate for that gap with the statistical transfer of 465 GWh, by an agreement with the Czech Republic, an EU Member State.

The shares of renewable energy sources in Slovenia are as follows (year 2020):

1. Heating and Cooling Sector: 32.1% (2020 goal: 30.8%);

2. Production of Electric Energy Sector: 35.1% (2020 goal: 39.3%);

3. Traffic Sector: 10.9% (2020 goal: 10.0%).

Electric energy production is the only sector where Slovenia has not been able to meet the goal as regards renewable energy production. There have been setbacks in implementing new hydro power plants, wind power plants, and biomass and biogas electrical production plants.

Hydropower is Slovenia's most significant renewable energy source for electricity generation. In November 2021, hydropower electricity generation represented 26.7% of all electricity generation in Slovenia.

There are only two wind turbines in operation in Slovenia. There is some potential to build additional wind power plants in certain parts of Slovenia, but the potentially promising areas in most cases overlap with Natura 2000 protected areas. Slovenia is a country with great biodiversity and has 355 Natura 2000 sites, of which 324 are designated under the Habitats Directive and 31 under the Birds Directive. We have to continue to strive to install new capacity and find ways to also protect fragile ecosystems and natural habitats, and to increase the social acceptability of wind turbines.

Solar power electricity production in Slovenia has progressed in the past few years, although it is still relatively small. In 2021, the share of solar power electricity production in overall electricity production in Slovenia was 3.5%.

The current draft of the updated NECP includes these plans for RES. In the tables below, also the share of different RES is presented (Source: Consultation document: Scenarios for Updating the Comprehensive National Energy and Climate Plan, IJS-CEU, 2023):

Table 1: Estimated planned courses by individual technologies of renewable sources that Slovenia intends to use to realize the common and sectoral planned courses for renewable energy from 2020 to 2030, including the expected gross final energy use, by individual technology in GWh.

GWh	2022	2030
Total gross final RES of ED	14,521	18,517
Solar energy	1,128	3,950
Wind energy	14	357
Hydro energy	4,454	4,716
Biogas	145	181
Bioliquids	1,426	1,881
Wood biomass	5,789	4,975
Ambient energy	987	1.407
Other OVE heat	578	1.050

Table 2: Estimated planned courses by technologies of renewable sources that Slovenia intends to use to realize the common and sectoral planned courses for renewable energy from 2020 to 2030 in the electricity sector

GWh	2022	2030
Gross final use of RES electricity	5,754	9,391
Solar energy (SFE)	980	3.756
Wind energy	14	357
Hydro energy	4,454	4,716
Biogas	145	173
Wood biomass (SPTE in Co incineration)	162	301
Geothermal energy	0	88

CE: How do you assess the progress of the country's green transition?

Bojan Kumer: Even though both energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in 2021 increased compared to 2020, Slovenia fulfilled its goals in the fields of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing energy efficiency. Energy use and greenhouse emissions have increased, compared to 2020, due to the measures to curb the spread of the coronavirus. The share of renewable energy sources in 2021 in Slovenia without the statistical transfer was 24.6%. The goal of 25% for that year was not achieved again. In accordance with the EU partner states' commitments, the goals for increasing the share of renewable energy by 2030 will further increase. To meet the goals, we will have to eliminate obstacles, especially regarding the spatial positioning of new plants. Currently, the process of upgrading the support schemes for RES and removing obstacles for RES communities is also taking place.

In the field of sustainable mobility, the implementation of measures has strengthened; nevertheless, a more ambitious approach to achieving the goals and performing actions faster will have to be carried out. The implementation of such actions will require strong political support at both local and national levels.

We are actively working on removing the obstacles regarding the RES and transport sectors and taking steps forward with the Act on the Deployment of Installations for Electricity Generation from Renewable Energy Sources and the Act on Infrastructure for Alternative Fuels and Encouragement of the Transition to Alternative Fuels in Transport, both of which are currently in the process of adoption.

Final energy use in buildings increased in 2021; however, greenhouse gas emissions decreased due to greater use of RES. The goals set by 2030 in the field of the energy renovation of buildings from the long-term energy renovation strategy for 2050 (DSEPS 2050) are very ambitious and will be difficult to achieve with the current dynamics of building renovation. Slovenia is not yet reaching the objective of the energy renovation of 3% of the total floor area of buildings annually regarding buildings owned and used by the central government.

Thank you for the interview

НАМ НЕОБХОДИМО ОСУЩЕСТВИТЬ ПЕРЕХОД К УСТОЙЧИВЫМ И ВОЗОБНОВЛЯЕМЫМ ИСТОЧНИКАМ ЭНЕРГИИ

Министр окружающей среды, климата и энергетики Словении Боян Кумер

Caspian Energy (CE): Как Вы оцениваете текущий уровень энергетической безопасности Словении?

Министр окружающей среды, климата и энергетики Словении Боян Кумер: В Словении хорошо развитые, надежные сети и трансграничные соединения, а также надлежащим образом диверсифицированы источники и маршруты поставок. Поставки энергии, энергоносителей и предоставление услуг не могут реализовываться исключительно в пределах Словении, поэтому мы также зависим от предложений, спроса и развития рынков в более широком охвате региона. Словения обеспечивает почти 50% своей энергии за счет импорта. Мы импортируем все ископаемые виды топлива для эксплуатации транспорта, что определенно влияет на их надежность. Нам необходимо осуществить переход к устойчивым и возобновляемым источникам энергии до того, как будут

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исчерпаны мировые запасы ископаемого топлива. Поэтому все решения в энергетическом секторе Словении направлены на обеспечение энергоснабжения из устойчивых и возобновляемых источников. Наша цель состоит в том, чтобы сократить импортную зависимость до минимально приемлемого уровня.

В наших документах по энергетической стратегии мы признаем необходимость укрепления энергетической независимости за счет возобновляемых источников энергии. Сейчас идет процесс установления новых обязательных национальных климатических и энергетических целей на 2030 год, включая сокращение выбросов парниковых газов, повышение энергоэффективности и увеличение доли возобновляемых источников энергии в общем потреблении энергии.

На данный момент ответы на энергетические проблемы Словении также зависят от русско-украинской войны и ее последствий, которые привели к взлету цен на энергоносители. Нам пришлось регулировать цены на топливо, электроэнергию и газ. На зиму 2024 года проблемы с поставками и растущие трудности с подачей газа из других источников, помимо России, могут потребовать переосмысления ситуации и сокращения потребления энергии, как гражданами, так и промышленностью.

CE: Какова доля местного производства электроэнергии в удовлетворении внутреннего спроса на энергию?

Боян Кумер: В течение многих лет производство электроэнергии в Словении практически равнялось потреблению. Следует иметь в виду, что АЭС в Кршко наполовину принадлежит Хорватии, и половина энергии с этой станции экспортируется в Хорватию. По этой причине Словению часто изображают зависимой от импорта электроэнергии, и если вычесть половину производственной мощности атомной электростанции, то это составляет около 18% годового потребления Словении.

Однако эта картина может ухудшиться в ближайшие годы. Мы прогнозируем постепенный рост потребления электроэнергии, в то время как производство электроэнергии из лигнита (бурого угля) будет снижаться. Надеемся, что, построив новые мощности для выработки электроэнергии из возобновляемых источников (гидро-, солнечные и ветровые станции), мы сможем вырабатывать достаточно энергии, чтобы избежать ежегодной зависимости от импорта.

В любом случае, Словения ежечасно осуществляет импорт и экспорт энергии. Даже в годовом исчислении объемы импорта и экспорта составляют более 50% внутреннего потребления. Отчасти это объясняется большим объемом транзита через Словению, а отчасти – нерегулярным экспортом и случайным импортом. Экспорт обычно приходится на утренние и вечерние пиковые периоды, а импорт - на ночное и дневное время. С другой стороны, импорт осуществляется в течение месяца во время капитального ремонта крупных энергоблоков атомной электростанции.

Электроэнергетическая система Словении настолько хорошо взаимосвязана с соседними системами, что можно импортировать весь объем электроэнергии, потребляемый в стране.

CE: Какие страны Словения считает наиболее важными для сотрудничества в области энергетики?

Боян Кумер: В плане энергоснабжения наиболее важными странами для Словении являются ее соседи: Австрия, Италия, Хорватия и Венгрия. Конечно, мы в значительной степени подвержены влиянию всего того, что происходит на внутреннем энергетическом рынке.

CE: Планирует ли страна увеличить закупки природного газа?

Боян Кумер: Годовое потребление газа в Словении составляет около 10 ТВт-ч. Ожидается, что в 2024 году потребление увеличится примерно на 15-20% в связи с заменой топлива, используемого для централизованного теплоснабжения в Любляне, а именно, газ заменит уголь в качестве источника энергии.

В будущем можно ожидать влияние мер по эффективному использованию энергии на потребление энергоносителей, в том числе природного газа. В свете более широкого внедрения возобновляемых источников и интенсивной электрификации можно ожидать рост эксплуатации газовых электростанций в качестве поддержки внедрения возобновляемых источников электроэнергии.

Более того, мощности газовых электростанций могут увеличиться в ближайшие 10-15 лет – и, следо-

вательно, потребление газа также может увеличиться – в связи с вышеупомянутой программой поддержки внедрения возобновляемых источников энергии и прекращения использования угля.

CE: Насколько энергетическому сектору страны удалось преодолеть последствия прошлогодней засухи и снижения уровня воды в реках, наблюдавшихся почти по всей Европе?

Боян Кумер: Несмотря на все трудности, энергетический рынок функционировал хорошо, поэтому необходимости в сокращении поставок электроэнергии и газа не возникало. Потребители сократили потребление энергии из-за высоких цен, несмотря на ценовое регулирование для определенных групп. Основное внимание мы уделили проблеме ухода поставщиков с рынка и были приняты меры с целью предотвращения срыва по этой причине энергоснабжения конечным потребителям.

CE: Планируется ли строительство новой АЭС и модернизация атомной станции Кршко?

Боян Кумер: Одним из возможных сценариев реализации национальной энергетической политики является то, что строительство второго энергоблока на АЭС в Кршко могло бы обеспечить переход к низкоуглеродному обществу за счет сочетания других доступных низкоуглеродных источников энергии (атомная, солнечная и гидроэнергия). Это обеспечило бы стабильную, конкурентоспособную и низкоуглеродную электроэнергетическую систему будущего для Словении и региона в целом.

Несмотря на то, что подготовительные процедуры для территориального планирования проекта уже ведутся, все еще необходимо предпринять много других шагов и решений, прежде чем можно будет принять инвестиционное решение.

CE: Европа стремится достичь углеродной нейтральности к 2050 году. Насколько возможным Вы считаете достижение этой цели за счет альтернативных источников энергии без прибегания к атомной энергии?

Боян Кумер: В настоящее время Словения разрабатывает обновленный вариант национальных энергетических и климатических планов (НЭКП) с тем, чтобы уточнить свои цели в области сокращения выбросов парниковых газов, повышения энергоэффективности и доли возобновляемых источников энергии. Словения стремится к достижению климатической нейтральности тем же образом, что и другие страны ЕС. С этой целью в рамках экспертной основы для обновления НЭКП были разработаны два сценария отказа от ископаемых ресурсов: один сценарий основан на использовании возобновляемых источников энергии и ядерной энергии, в то время как другой предусматривает переход только на возобновляемые источники энергии.

Решение о выборе подходящего сценария пока не принято, поскольку правительство намерено провести референдум относительно вопроса о дальнейшем использовании ядерной энергии в Словении. Необходимо провести дополнительные исследования и анализы с целью принятия решений на референдуме.

CE: Какие виды возобновляемых источников энергии широко внедрены в Словении и какова их доля в выработке энергии?

Боян Кумер: Правительство Словении приняло комплексный национальный энергетический и климатический план. Это стратегический документ, устанавливающий цели, политику и меры для Словении в соответствии с Европейским регламентом об управлении Энергетическим союзом и действиях в области изменения климата. В сфере декарбонизации и возобновляемых источников энергии в Словении внедряется ряд возобновляемых источников энергии с целью доведения доли возобновляемых источников энергии как минимум до 27% к 2030 году. Фактическая доля возобновляемых источников энергии в конечном потреблении энергии в Словении в 2020 году составила 24,1%. Целевой показатель по сектору на тот год не удалось достичь и Словении пришлось компенсировать этот разрыв статистической передачей энергии в объеме 465 ГВт-ч по соглашению с Чешской Республикой, государством - членом ЕС.

Доля возобновляемых источников энергии в Словении приводится ниже (2020г.):

1. Сектор отопления и охлаждения: 32,1% (целевой показатель на 2020г.: 30,8%);

2. Сектор производства электроэнергии: 35,1% (целевой показатель на 2020г.: 39,3%);

3. Транспортный сектор: 10,9% (целевой показатель на 2020г.: 10,0%).

Производство электроэнергии -

единственный сектор, в котором Словения не смогла достичь целевого уровня в плане выработки энергии из возобновляемых источников. Имели место случаи задержек при реализации проектов новых гидроэлектростанций, ветроэлектростанций, а также установок по производству электроэнергии из биомассы и биогаза.

Гидроэнергетика является наиболее важным источником возобновляемой энергии в Словении для выработки электроэнергии. В ноябре 2021 года выработка электроэнергии на гидроэлектростанциях составляла 26,7% от общего объема производства электроэнергии в Словении.

В Словении функционируют только две ветряные турбины. Есть определенные возможности для строительства дополнительных ветровых электростанций в некоторых частях Словении, однако потенциально перспективные участки в большинстве случаев входят в список районов, охраняемых в рамках программы «Natura 2000». Словения является страной с большим биологическим разнообразием и располагает 355 участками, входящими в программу «Natura 2000». Из этих областей 324 участка отнесено к директиве о местообитаниях, а 31 участок к директиве по диким птицам. Мы должны продолжать стремиться к созданию новых мощностей и изысканию путей защиты хрупких экосистем и естественных мест обитания, а также к повышению социальной приемлемости ветровых турбин.

За последние несколько лет Словении удалось продвинуться в сфере производства солнечной энергии, хотя показатели выработки все еще относительно невелики. В 2021 году доля солнечной энергии в общем объеме выработки электроэнергии в Словении составила 3,5%. Текущий проект обновленного национального энергетического и климатического плана включает в себя следующие запланированные мероприятия по ВИЭ. В нижеприведенных таблицах представлены показатели по долям различных видов возобновляемых источников энергии.

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Таблица 1: Предполагаемые целевые уровни по отдельным технологиям возобновляемых источников энергии, которые Словения намерена использовать для достижения общих и запланированных отраслевых показателей возобновляемой энергии с 2020 по 2030год, включая ожидаемые доли конечного общего валового потребления энергии по отдельным технологиям в ГВт-ч.

ГВт/ч	2022	2030
Доля конечного общего валового потребления ВИЭ в составе спроса на энергию	**14,521**	**18,517**
Солнечная энергия	1,128	3,950
Ветровая энергия	14	357
Гидроэнергия	4,454	4,716
Биогаз	145	181
Биожидкости	1,426	1,881
Древесная биомасса	5,789	4,975
Энергия окружающей среды	987	1.407
Объемы тепла из других видов возобновляемой энергии	578	1.050

Таблица 2: Ориентировочные целевые уровни по технологиям возобновляемых источников энергии, которые Словения намерена использовать для выработки общих и отраслевых запланированных показателей возобновляемой энергии с 2020 по 2030 год в электроэнергетическом секторе.

ГВт/ч	2022	2030
Конечное валовое потребление электроэнергии, полученной из ВИЭ	**5,754**	**9,391**
Солнечная энергия	980	3.756
Ветровая энергия	14	357
Гидроэнергия	4,454	4,716
Биогаз	145	173
Древесная биомасса	162	301
Геотермальная энергия	0	88

Словения стремится к достижению климатической нейтральности тем же образом, что и другие страны ЕС.

CE: Как Вы оцениваете прогресс «зеленого» перехода в стране?

Боян Кумер: Хотя потребление энергии и выбросы парниковых газов в 2021 году увеличились по сравнению с 2020 годом, Словения выполнила свои задачи в области сокращения выбросов парниковых газов и повышения энергоэффективности. Потребление энергии и выбросы парниковых газов увеличились по сравнению с 2020 годом из-за мер по сдерживанию распространения коронавируса. Доля возобновляемых источников энергии в 2021 году в Словении, не включая данные по статистическим передачам, составила 24,6%. Целевой уровень на тот год в размере 25% в очередной раз не удалось достичь. В соответствии с обязательствами государств-партнеров ЕС, цели по увеличению доли ВИЭ к 2030 году еще больше возрастут. Для достижения поставленных целей нам придется устранить препятствия, особенно связанные с пространственным расположением новых заводов. В настоящее время также осуществляется процесс совершенствования систем поддержки ВИЭ и устранения препятствий для сообществ возобновляемых источников энергии.

Усилена реализация мер в области устойчивой мобильности. Тем не менее, потребуется применить более амбициозный подход для достижения целей и более быстрого исполнения действий. Осуществление таких мероприятий потребует решительной политической поддержки как на местном, так и на национальном уровнях.

Мы активно работаем над устранением препятствий в отношении ВИЭ и транспортного сектора и предпринимаем шаги в рамках Закона о развертывании установок для производства электроэнергии из возобновляемых источников энергии и Закона об инфраструктуре для альтернативных видов топлива и поощрении перехода на альтернативные виды топлива в сфере транспорта. Оба закона в настоящее время находятся на стадии принятия.

Конечное потребление энергии в зданиях увеличилось в 2021 году. Однако, выбросы парниковых газов сократились благодаря более широкому использованию ВИЭ. Цели, поставленные к 2030 году в области энергетической реконструкции зданий в рамках долгосрочной стратегии энергетической реновации на 2050 год (DSEPS 2050) очень амбициозны и будет трудно их достичь при нынешней динамике реновации зданий. Словении пока не удается выполнить поставленную задачу по ежегодной энергетической реконструкции 3% общей площади зданий, находящихся во владении и пользовании центрального правительства.

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Iceland is the largest electricity producer

Gudlaugur Thór Thórdarson

Minister of the Environment, Energy and Climate of Iceland

Caspian Energy (CE): Iceland does not have its own oil-gas resources. How does the country ensure its energy security?

Gudlaugur Thór Thórdarson, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Climate of Iceland: For decades all electricity has been produced from renewable sources, hydro and geothermal. The carbon footprint of the system is very low. Only the mobile sectors, transport on land, marine operations and aviation are still fossil fuel based.

CE: What is the share of renewables in the energy mix of the country?

Gudlaugur Thór Thórdarson: About 85% of the total primary energy supply in Iceland is derived from domestically produced renewable energy sources. This is the highest share of renewable energy in any national total energy budget.

In 2016 geothermal energy provided about 65% of primary energy, the share of hydropower was 20%, and the share of fossil fuels (mainly oil products for the transport sector) was 15%. In 2013 Iceland also became a producer of wind energy. The main use of geothermal energy is for space heating, with the heat being distributed to buildings through extensive district-heating systems. About 85% of all houses in Iceland are heated with geothermal energy.

In 2015, the total electricity consumption in Iceland was 18,798 GWh. Renewable energy provided almost 100% of electricity production, with about 73% coming from hydropower and 27% from geothermal power. Most of the hydropower plants are owned by Landsvirkjun (the National Power Company) which is the main supplier of electricity in Iceland. Iceland is the world's largest green energy producer per capita and largest electricity producer per capita, with

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approximately 55,000 kWh per person per year. In comparison, the EU average is less than 6,000 kWh. Geothermal energy is used to heat over 90% of buildings, the remaining 10% is heated with renewable electricity.

CE: What could you say about the phase out of the fossil fuel-based public and private transport, and shift to the green energy driven transport?

Gudlaugur Thór Thórdarson: The energy transition ahead of us for the mobile sectors is the third one that the nation has tackled. As mentioned before, the sectors of electricity and heating are fully converted. Iceland has been successful in the energy transition for road transport by using a tax incentive scheme with strong incentives and direct support for infrastructure build up. Iceland has been in second place (after Norway) with regard to the purchase rate of electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles for some time. In 2021 58% of all newly registered cars in Iceland were electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles, a big jump from 2019 when the percentage was 28%. The Icelandic government intends to reach full energy transition by 2040, alongside the goal of carbon neutrality in 2040. This will make Iceland the first country to become fossil-fuel independent.

CE: Are there countries applying to Iceland for its experience and know-how technologies helping to ensure green energy transition?

Gudlaugur Thór Thórdarson: Iceland has for some years been leading in geothermal technologies which has raised the interest of other nations and this interest has increased during Europe's current energy crises. Icelandic companies, for instance Iceland GeoSurvey (ÍSOR) and Iceland Drilling Company Ltd (Jardboranir), have for years now provided scientific and technical expertise to the geothermal industry outside of Iceland.

Through EEA Grants, the EEA/EFTA states fund various improvements and developments in those EU member states that are economically at a disadvantage. Through participation in EEA Grants, emphasis has been placed on creating for instance opportunities for Icelandic agencies and companies to collaborate on energy transition with the beneficiary states.

Thank you for the interview

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Исландия - крупнейший в мире производитель электроэнергии

Министр окружающей среды, энергетики и климата Исландии

Гудлаугур Тор Тордарсон

Caspian Energy (CE): Исландия не располагает собственными нефтегазовыми ресурсами. Как страна обеспечивает свою энергетическую безопасность?

Министр окружающей среды, энергетики и климата Исландии Гудлаугур Тор Тордарсон: На протяжении десятилетий вся электроэнергия вырабатывалась из возобновляемых, гидро и геотермальных источников. Углеродный след системы очень низок. Только наземный транспорт, морские операции и авиация по-прежнему работают на ископаемом топливе.

CE: Какова доля возобновляемых источников энергии в энергобалансе страны?

Гудлаугур Тор Тордарсон: Около 85% общего объема поставок первичной энергии в Исландии обеспечивается за счет местных источников возобновляемой энергии. Это самая высокая доля возобновляемых источников энергии в общем энергетическом балансе любой страны.

В 2016 году геотермальная энергия обеспечивала около 65% первичной энергии, доля гидроэнергетики составляла 20%, а доля ископаемого топлива (в основном нефтепродуктов для транспортного сектора) составляла 15%. В 2013 году Исландия также стала производителем энергии ветра. Геотермальная энергия в основном используется для обогрева помещений, при этом тепло распределяется по зданиям с помощью разветвленных

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В 2015 году общее потребление электроэнергии в Исландии составило 18 798 ГВтч. Возобновляемые источники энергии обеспечили почти 100% выработки электроэнергии, при этом около 73% пришлось на долю гидроэнергетики и 27% - на геотермальную энергию. Большинство гидроэлектростанций принадлежат национальной энергетической компании Landsvirkjun, которая является основным поставщиком электроэнергии в Исландии. Исландия является крупнейшим в мире производителем зеленой энергии на душу населения и крупнейшим производителем электроэнергии на душу населения, примерно 55 000 кВтч на человека в год. Для сравнения, средний показатель по ЕС составляет менее 6000 кВтч. Геотермальная энергия используется для обогрева более 90% зданий, остальные 10% отапливаются за счет возобновляемой электроэнергии.

CE: Что Вы можете сказать о поэтапном отказе от общественного и частного транспорта, работающего на ископаемом топливе, и переходе на экологически чистые транспортные средства?

Гудлаугур Тор Тордарсон: Энергетический переход, который нам предстоит осуществить в транспортном секторе, является третьим, за реализацию которого взялась страна. Как упоминалось ранее, секторы электроснабжения и отопления полностью преобразованы.

Исландия добилась успеха в реализации энергетического перехода в автомобильном транспорте путем использования схемы налоговых льгот и предоставления прямой поддержки для создания инфраструктуры. Исландия уже некоторое время идет на втором месте (после Норвегии) по объему покупок электрических и подключаемых гибридных автомобилей. В 2021 году 58% всех новых зарегистрированных автомобилей в Исландии были электрическими или подключаемыми гибридными автомобилями, что является большим скачком по сравнению с 2019 годом, когда этот показатель составлял 28%. Правительство Исландии намерено осуществить полный энергетический переход к 2040 году наряду с достижением углеродной нейтральности в том же году. Это позволит Исландии стать первой страной независимой от ископаемого топлива.

CE: Есть ли страны, которые обращаются к Исландии за ее опытом и технологиями помогающими обеспечить переход к зеленой энергетике?

Гудлаугур Тор Тордарсон: Исландия уже несколько лет лидирует в области геотермальных технологий, что вызвало интерес других стран, и этот интерес возрос во время нынешнего энергетического кризиса в Европе. Исландские компании, например, «Iceland GeoSurvey» (ÍSOR) и «Iceland Drilling Company Ltd» (Jardboranir), уже много лет предоставляют научные и технические знания геотермальной отрасли за пределами Исландии.

Посредством грантов ЕЭЗ (Европейская Экономическая Зона) государства - члены ЕЭЗ/ЕАСТ финансируют различные усовершенствования и разработки в тех государствах - членах ЕС, которые находятся в экономически неблагоприятном положении. Благодаря участию в грантах ЕЭЗ акцент был сделан на создании, например, возможностей для исландских агентств и компаний сотрудничать в области энергетического перехода со странами-бенефициарами.

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ОАО «Азеришыг»: Реализация Зеленых технологий в распределительных сетях – гарантия сохранности природных ресурсов для будущих поколений

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После полного освобождения оккупированных территорий открылась новая страница в истории суверенного Азербайджана. Наряду с этим, открылась новая страница и в современном энергетическом секторе. Так, под руководством Президента Азербайджанской Республики Ильхама Алиева в районах, освобожденных от оккупации, быстро и успешно ведутся масштабные восстановительные и строительные работы, и одним из стратегических видений, предусмотренных в этом направлении, является создание зоны зеленой энергии в этих районах. В настоящее время принимаются масштабные и неотложные меры по строительству распределительной сети с целью обеспечения электроэнергией освобожденных территорий.

В целях выполнения задач, поставленных Указом Президента Ильхама Алиева «О мерах, связанных с созданием зоны «зеленой энергии» на освобожденных территориях Азербайджанской Республики», ОАО «Азеришыг» приступило к строительству распределительных сетей. В октябре 2020 года был запущен проект «Азеришыг в Карабахе», и началось обеспечение энергоснабжением наших регионов, освобожденных от оккупации. ОАО «Азеришыг» продолжает способствовать привлечению современных инновационных технологий на эти территории.

10 мая 2022 года Президент Азербайджанской Республики Ильхам Алиев принял участие в открытии Центра цифрового управления ОАО «Азеришыг» в Шуше. Ввод в эксплуатацию электроэнергетического Центра является важным событием с точки зрения снабжения города со стабильной и качественной энергией. В городе Шуша, вместо традиционных трехуровневых распределительных электрических сетей 35/10-6/0,4 кВ, была применена современная двухуровневая схема электроснабжения 35/0,4 кВ с глубоким вводом. При этом расширены возможности управления сетью за счет внедрения современной системы диспетчерского управления СК-11, которая полностью охватывает сети 110/35/0,4 кВ. Впервые с помощью системы диспетчерского управления СК-11 SCADA возможно управление цепями низкого напряжения (0,4 кВ) до конечного потребителя в современной цифровой модели сети. В результате внедрения модели современного блока питания 35/0,4 кВ упрощаются ступени напряжения в топографической схеме РЭС путем перехода со сложной (35/10/0,4 кВ) на упрощенную (35/0,4 кВ) схему, что позволяет сократить объемы ремонта и эксплуатации – снижается объем технических и организационных работ, необходимых для класса напряжения 10 кВ, появляется возможность применения элементов умной сети и сокращения оперативных операций – снижаются затраты на переход на цифровизацию и интеллектуальные точки и системы управления, сокращается количество аварий и период восстановления – так как, 53% от общего количества перерывов в электроснабжении приходится на сети 10/6 кВ, обеспечивается стабильность режима в сети – контроль энергопотребления и качества энергии осуществляется более гибко по двухступенчатой схеме, что способствует возвращению дополнительных земельных участков (63 тыс. га) в народное хозяйство и снижению потребности в реактивной энергии (дополнительных потерь) за счет сокращения на 20% (6814 МВт) количества трансформаторов, а также поддержанию показателей качества SAIDI/SAIFI в нормативных пределах и улучшению экологической среды за счет снижения выбросов углекислого газа.

18 апреля 2023 года Президент Азербайджанской Республики Ильхам Алиев участвовал на открытии Сальянского Центра цифрового управления ОАО «Азеришыг». 5 мая были сданы в эксплуатацию узловая подстанция «Гадрут» и Цифровой центр управления и Физулинская цифровая подстанция и Центр управления. В том же году, 9 мая Президент Азербайджанской Республики Ильхам Алиев ввел в эксплуатацию Центр инновационных технологий Шушинских электрических сетей, а 28 сентября, Джебраильский центр цифрового управления. На всех упомянутых энергообъектах установлены солнечные панели и зарядные станции для электромобилей.

При внедрении источников зеленой энергии (микросети) годовая выработка микро-СЭС на крыше одной подстанции составляет 40 000 кВт-час, что позволяет обеспечить электроснабжение 1150 электромобилей или преодолеть расстояние в 230 000 км. Так же, внедрением

этой технологии экономится 23 тыс. тонн углеводородного топлива, снижаются выбросы CO_2 на 24 000 тонн, растет энергетический экспортный потенциал страны. При внедрении Цифровой подстанции устраняется избыточное оборудование для экономии капитальных затрат (традиционные тяжелые трансформаторы тока и трансформаторы напряжения больше не нужны), сокращаются инженерные усилия за счет использования упрощенных системных чертежей и мобильных 3D-технологий, повышается безопасность работников в связи с заменой медных проводов оптоволоконными кабелями. При внедрении системы мониторинга с использованием технических летательных аппаратов в распределительных сетях, в год экономится 16 миллионов киловатт-час электроэнергии, а также 6,6 млн. кубометров природного газа и предотвращаются выбросы 8 тыс. тонн CO_2. При внедрении Композитных опор 35-0,4 кВ взамен традиционных, экономится 230 миллионов киловатт-час электроэнергии и 96 млн. кубометров природного газа, а также предотвращается 115 000 тонн выбросов CO_2.

В рамках 28-й сессии Конференции сторон Рамочной конвенции ООН по изменению климата (COP-28), прошедшей в Дубае (ОАЭ), руководство ОАО «Азеришыг» встретилось с рядом руководителей иностранных компаний. В ходе встреч в основном обсуждались достижения в сфере зеленой энергетики в результате инновационных технологий, реализуемых ОАО «Азеришыг». Полномасштабные строительные и восстановительные работы с применением инновационных и зеленых технологий в Азербайджане, ускоряют переход от традиционной энергетики к зеленой энергетике, тем самым способствуют повышению технико-экономических и улучшению экологических показателей современного сектора энергоснабжения в целом.

Международная Каспийская Нефтегазовая Выставка «Caspian Oil & Gas» - первое мероприятие, представившее Азербайджан мировому энергетическому сообществу

20 сентября ежегодно Азербайджан отмечает профессиональный праздник работников нефтегазовой отрасли - «День нефтяника», который совершенно неслучайно приходится на день подписания «Контракта века».

Подписание этого соглашения 20 сентября 1994 года с участием 11 известнейших нефтяных компаний 7 стран имело огромное значение для возрождения нефтегазовой промышленности и улучшения благосостояния страны в целом. Оно по праву считается основой энергетической стратегии Азербайджана, заложенной выдающимся политиком и государственным деятелем Гейдаром Алиевым и превратившей Азербайджан в глобального экспортера нефти. Ведь оно фактически стало краеугольным камнем нефтяной стратегии независимого азербайджанского государства, продемонстрировав его неизменное стремление осуществлять суверенные права на свои природные ресурсы и защищать свои экономические и стратегические интересы перед всем миром, а также став важной гарантией его независимости.

Накануне подписания «Контракта века», положившего начало новой эпохе в нефтяной истории республики, в стране была учреждена Международная Каспийская Неф-

тегазовая Выставка «Caspian Oil & Gas». Инициатива проведения международных выставок в Азербайджане принадлежит основателю независимого азербайджанского государства Гейдару Алиеву, который в 1994 году поддержал инициативу проведения первой специализированной выставки. С того времени «Caspian Oil & Gas» стала традиционным местом встречи ведущих специалистов в нефтяной, газовой и энергетической отраслях; здесь подписываются меморандумы, соглашения и договоры о сотрудничестве. Участие Великого лидера в церемонии открытия выставки еще больше повысило статус мероприятия.

С первых дней продемонстрировав высокий уровень организации, выставка «Caspian Oil & Gas» привлекла внимание ведущих компаний энергетического сектора из ряда стран мира, среди которых были bp, Statoil, OMV, Conoco Phillips, Total, Petkim, TPAO, RWE и другие влиятельные игроки энергетического рынка. Выставка открыла перед азербайджанскими нефтегазовыми компаниями широкие возможности сотрудничества с иностранными предприятиями, создания местного производства и применения новых технологий при добыче углеводородных запасов. Впервые мероприятие прошло в Спортивно-концертном комплексе имени Гейдара Алиева, который долгое время служил гостеприимным домом для участников выставки. С 2010 года же выставку «Caspian Oil & Gas» принимает у себя международный выставочный комплекс – Баку Экспо Центр.

За 28 лет мероприятие превратилось в важную платформу, продвигающую сотрудничество в нефтегазовой и энергетической сфере. Еще одним подтверждением ее высокого статуса является ежегодное участие Президента Азербайджанской Республики Ильхама Алиева в церемонии ее открытия. Многие годы выставка получает поздравительные письма от первых лиц США, Великобритании, Турции и других стран. Доброй традицией стало и присутствие на мероприятии высокопоставленных гостей из разных стран.

«Caspian Oil & Gas» также завоевала высокую репутацию в мировой выставочной индустрии: в 2006 году первое национальное специализированное мероприятие «Caspian Oil & Gas» получило знак качества Всемирной ассоциации выставочной индустрии (UFI) как отвечающее отраслевым стандартам.

С момента возникновения выставки «Caspian Oil & Gas» под ее эгидой проводится одноименная международная конференция, ставшая основной платформой для руководителей предприятий нефтегазового сектора и различных секторов энергетической отрасли. С 2022 года эстафету у Каспийской Нефтегазовой Конференции принял Бакинский Энергетический Форум, проходящий в расширенном по сравнению со своей предшественницей формате.

В настоящее время крупнейшие энергетические мероприятия проходят под эгидой Бакинской Энергетической Недели. В 2023 году в рамках этого грандиозного мероприятия были организованы 28-я Международная Каспийская Нефтегазовая Выставка «Caspian Oil & Gas», 11-я Каспийская Международная Выставка Энергетики и Зеленой Энергии «Caspian Power» и 28-й Бакинский Энергетический Форум. Выставки «Caspian Oil & Gas» и «Caspian Power» состоялись в Баку Экспо Центре, а Бакинский Энергетический Форум принял Баку Конгресс Центр.

В 2023 году, на церемонии открытия Бакинской Энергетической Недели выступил с речью Президент Азербайджанской Республики Ильхам Алиев. «Международная выставка «Нефть и газ Каспия» в 1994 году стала первым мероприятием, которое представило Азербайджан энергетической общественности мира. Мы очень благодарны организаторам мероприятия за постоянную поддержку. Также хочу подчеркнуть и считаю, что Бакинская Энергетическая Неделя является одним из ведущих международных мероприятий в энергетической сфере», - заявил Президент Ильхам Алиев, подчеркнув значимость мероприятия.

Приветственные письма участникам мероприятия направили Президент США Джо Байден и премьер-министр

Великобритании Риши Сунак, а на церемонии открытия Недели выступила директор Европейской комиссии по стратегии энергетической политики и координации Кристина Лобилло Борреро.

В 2023 году на прошедших в рамках Бакинской Энергетической Недели мероприятиях приняли участие более 330 компаний из 38 стран мира. Помимо Азербайджана, участники представляли Австрию, Алжир, Беларусь, Болгарию, Великобританию, Венгрию, Вьетнам, Германию, Грузию, Израиль, Испанию, Италию, Казахстан, Канаду, Китай, Кувейт, Монако, Нидерланды, Норвегию, ОАЭ, Румынию, Российскую Федерацию, Саудовскую Аравию, Сербию, Сингапур, США, Таиланд, Турцию, Узбекистан, Филиппины, Финляндию, Францию, Швецию, Швейцарию, и Японию.

В 2023 году исполнилось 100 лет со дня рождения Общенационального лидера Гейдара Алиева. Организаторы и участники Бакинской Энергетической Недели не забывают о роли, которую сыграл Гейдар Алиев в становлении выставочной индустрии Азербайджана, и свято чтят его память. В этой связи в рамках Бакинской Энергетической Недели была выпущена почтовая марка, посвященная 100-летию со дня рождения Великого лидера. После церемония открытия, Президент Ильхам Алиев погасил специально подготовленную марку, посвященную 100-летию Великого Лидера. В рамках мероприятия также были представлены стенд, посвященный 100-летию Гейдара Алиева, и выставка, рассказывающая о его деятельности.

Еще одним доказательством значимости и высокого статуса Бакинской Энергетической Недели является постоянно растущий перечень ее спонсоров. В 2023 году главным спонсором мероприятия выступила SOCAR, а спонсорами стали порт Абу-Даби, ACWA Power, Ansaldo Energia, AZEL SYSTEMS, Azeri M-I Drilling Fluids, AZFEN, Baku Steel Company, bp, Caspian Drilling Company, Caspian Marine Services, Equinor, EP Absheron, Intertek, Global Energy Azerbaijan, GL, Inpex, KOLIN Construction, MASDAR, Tekfen, Total Energies, Turkish Petroleum, Uniper и Ural Steel. Интеллектуальным партнером Бакинского Энергетического Форума выступила Boston Consulting Group, а компания Improtex Motors (бренд BMW) представила на форуме новую модель электромобиля.

Кроме того, главным информационным партнером Бакинской Энергетической Недели выступил журнал «Caspian Energy».

В этом году в рамках Форума был впервые применен на практике свод экологических принципов - программа "Zero Waste", направленная на предотвращение образования отходов. В этой связи использование печатных материалов во время мероприятия было минимизировано в пользу электронного документооборота; кроме того, в соответствии с международной инициативой «Ноль пищевых отходов» (Zero Food Waste) был применен принцип оптимального использования продуктов питания. Экологическим нормам отвечает и Баку Конгресс Центр, который принимал у себя форум: его централизованно установленные солнечные панели позволяют экономить электроэнергию.

Бакинская Энергетическая Неделя служит платформой для формирования значимых партнерских отношений. В 2023 году в рамках мероприятия были подписаны новые документы о сотрудничестве. К примеру, 2 июня в Баку Конгресс Центре был заключен меморандум о сотрудничестве между компаниями «4sim», «Caspian Event Organisers» и «Iteca Caspian».

В 2023 году в рамках Бакинской Энергетической Недели в городе Нахчыван состоялась специальная сессия, в рамках которой были обсуждены значимые вопросы. Проведенная по случаю «Года Гейдара Алиева» и посвященная 100-летию Великого лидера сессия осветила историческое значение города в этом контексте. Мероприятие в Нахчыване помимо панельных заседаний включало и культурную программу, в том числе и экскурсию по городу Нахчыван и концертную программу.

В 2024 году Бакинскую Энергетическую Неделю планируется провести 4–6 июня; она будет включать 29-ю Международную Каспийскую Нефтегазовую Выставку «Caspian Oil & Gas», 12-ю Каспийскую Международную Выставку Энергетики и Зеленой Энергии «Caspian Power» и 29-й Бакинский Энергетический Форум.

До мероприятия остается почти полгода, но ряд компаний энергетического сектора уже проявляет к нему большой интерес: спонсорами выставки-2024 выступают Baku Steel Company, Caspian Drilling Company, Caspian Marine Services, Nobel Energy, SLB, TPAO и т.п.

Официальную поддержку Бакинской Энергетической Неделе оказывают Государственная нефтяная компания Азербайджанской Республики (SOCAR) и Министерство энергетики Азербайджанской Республики.

Организаторами мероприятия выступают Iteca Caspian и Caspian Event Oraganisers и их международные партнеры ICA Events и CEM FZ LLC.

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CASPIAN ENERGY CLUB HOLDS 100th EVENT IN AZERBAIJAN

Caspian Energy Club has conducted its 100th event in Azerbaijan and the 10th 'Caspian Business Award 2023' international prize awarding ceremony dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the national leader of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev. This was said by Caspian Energy Club Chairman and Group CEO, Telman Aliyev.

The event took place with the participation of over 300 top-managers and representatives from the Club's member companies, as well as heads and officials of the government agencies, Milli Majlis deputies, and diplomatic corps representatives who attended meetings with Caspian Energy Club member companies' representatives over the course of 2023.

Having welcomed the event participants, Caspian Energy Club Chairman and Group CEO Telman Aliyev spoke about the history of the Club, its areas of activity and member companies. He also informed the guests about events conducted by Caspian Energy Club in the regions of Azerbaijan and abroad during 2023.

"We have chosen 'Gulustan Palace' for holding Caspian Energy Club's local 100th event as this is where the Contract of the Century was signed under the leadership of the national leader Heydar Aliyev on September 20,1994. The agreement became one of the prime factors that propelled the development of Azerbaijan's economy. It was after its signing that the country's economic and social development began", Telman Aliyev noted.

"We have become a platform arranging a close dialogue and networking not only between entrepreneurs but also government officials, ambassadors and representatives of different institutions. Our major objective is to assist in cooperation, development of business and investment opportunities in different countries of the Middle Corridor", Telman Aliyev stated. According to him, the work carried out by the Club makes it possible for government agencies and entrepreneurs to cooperate closely and implement joint events for addressing challenges facing the private sector.

"Taking the opportunity, on behalf of all top-managers of Caspian Energy Club, I would like to extend gratitude to President of the Azerbaijan Republic Mr. Ilham Aliyev and First Vice-President Mehriban Aliyeva for high support they provided to entrepreneurs and for favorable conditions created in Azerbaijan for attracting investments and implementing business projects", Telman Aliyev emphasized.

Caspian Business Award 2022 prize was given to Gazelli Group Founder and President Dr. Zarifa Hamzayeva in the nomination 'For outstanding contribution to the development of corporate

social responsibility', to Debet Safety's General Director Asad Nasrullayev in the nomination 'For outstanding contribution to the development of textile industry', to Director of ASE Group of Companies Rashad Abasov in the nomination 'Logistics company of the year', to General Director of Caspian Event Organisers Farid Mammadov "For contribution to the development of the exhibition industry', to SOCAR Complex Drilling Works Trust Chief Pirim Isayev in the nomination 'Drilling company of the year', to Director of Education and Innovation Center at Azerishiq OJSC Araz Mammadzade in the nomination "Energy company of the year – Azerishiq OJSC', to Azericard General Director Farid Guliyev in the nomination 'TezÖde – innovative solution of the year', to co-Founder of MY Group Holding Sultan Fariz Ahmadi in the nomination 'Group of companies of the year', to Union Logistics' Deputy General Director Samira Mustafayeva in the nomination "For contribution to the development of Azerbaijan-Kyrgyz economic relations', to General Director of Azerbaijan Maritime Engineering and Construction Rashad Shekarov in the nomination the 'Year's company in providing maritime engineering services', to Head of the Marketing and Public Relations Department of Azpetrol Ltd Arzu Agayeva in the nomination 'Filling station chain of the year', to founder of Alkan Consulting Group Avni Demirci in the nomination 'Consulting company of the year', to Founder and Director of 'Mirzayev and Partners Legal Firm' Shaig Mirzayev in the nomination 'Legal firm of the year', to Director of R.I.S.K. Jabir Jumshudov in the nomination 'IT company of the year', to General Director of RICON LLC Rashad Ismailov in the nomination 'Construction company of the year', to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Azerbaijan Industrial Insurance Company OJSC Orkhan Efendiyev in the nomination 'Insurance company of the year', to Founder and Director of S-ENNA LLC Parviz Zalov in the nomination 'Elevator equipment supplier of the year', and to 'Azerçay' Brand Manager at Azersun Holding Tarlan Latifov in the nomination "Tea producer of the year'.

'Caspian Business Award 2023' prize was presented to First Deputy Chairman and CFO of the Club Rasim Mahmudov for special contribution to the development of Caspian Energy Club, Managing Director of Caspian Energy Club International Gunel Guliyeva, First Deputy Group CEO of Caspian Energy Club Eldar Maqsumov, as well as to Suleyman Majidli for special contribution to the activity of Caspian Energy Club in Türkiye and to Zaur Gadirov for his having contributed to the activity of Caspian Energy Club in the Czech Republic.

The award nominees were determined via the online poll held among senior and middle managers of Caspian Energy Club member companies.

Gazelli Group

For outstanding contribution to the development of corporate social responsibility

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For outstanding contribution to the development of textile industry

ASE Group of Companies

Logistics company of the year

Caspian Event Organisers

For contribution to the development of the exhibition industry

SOCAR Complex Drilling Works Trust

Drilling company of the year

Azerishiq OJSC, Education and Innovation Center

Energy company of the year

Azericard

TezÖde – innovative solution of the year

MY Group

Group of companies of the year

Union Logistics

For contribution to the development of Azerbaijan-Kyrgyz economic relations

Azerbaijan Maritime Engineering and Construction

Year's company in providing maritime engineering services

Azpetrol Ltd

Filling station chain of the year

Alkan Consulting Group

Consulting company of the year

Mirzayev and Partners Legal Firm

Legal firm of the year

R.I.S.K.

IT company of the year

RICON LLC

Construction company of the year

Azerbaijan Industrial Insurance Company OJSC

Insurance company of the year

S-ENNA LLC

Elevator equipment supplier of the year

Azerçay

Tea producer of the year

For special contribution to the development of Caspian Energy Club

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Established in June 2002, **Caspian Energy Club** brings together over **5,000 companies** and organizations across **50 countries**. As an active participant of the business-to-government dialogue, the major objective of **Caspian Energy Club** is to improve investment and business climate in Azerbaijan and in other countries where the **Club** operates, as well as to encourage and actively engage in **B2G, B2B** and **B2C** dialogues.

Headquartered in Baku, **Caspian Energy Club** is an **international business networking platform** regularly conducting different events. **Caspian Energy Club** has representative offices operating in Türkiye, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, UAE, Israel, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, as well as authorized representatives around the globe.

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Caspian Energy Club, объединяющий в своих рядах более **5000 компаний** и организаций из **50 стран мира**, был создан в июне 2002 года. Основная цель **Caspian Energy Club**, являющегося активным участником диалога “бизнес-власть”, заключается в улучшении инвестиционной и деловой среды в Азербайджане и других странах, где осуществляет деятельность **Caspian Energy Club**, а также в стимулировании диалога в форматах **B2G, B2B** и **B2C** и активном участии в них.

Caspian Energy Club является **международной платформой для бизнес-нетворкинга** и регулярно организует различные мероприятия. Штаб-квартира **Caspian Energy Club** находится в Баку. **Caspian Energy Club** имеет официальные представительства в Турции, Грузии, Узбекистане, Казахстане, ОАЭ, Израиле, Германии, Польше, Словакии, Чехии, а также полномочных представителей в различных странах мира.

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AZERSUN HOLDING

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About the company: Azersun Holding, which has started operating in Azerbaijan since 1991, is the largest non-oil holding of Azerbaijan. A group of companies includes over 30 enterprises which have international quality standard certificates ISO 9000:2001 and specialize in food industry, agriculture, packing-paper industry, and trade.

These are plants for production and processing of fat-and-oil products, tea-packing factories, tinned food factories, factories for production of packing and paper products, the largest sugar plant in the region and a factory for production of lump sugar, a plant for production of iodinated salt, a dairy, a plant for hazelnut processing, a plant for production of fodder, as well as a broad range of agricultural enterprises engaged in raising various crops on a territory comprising about 4,000 ha and equipped with the drip irrigation system that belongs to Valmont Industries Company.

Today, the holding has representative offices and branches in many world countries such as Russia, UAE, Türkiye, Switzerland, Sri-Lanka, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, etc. Azersun holding's activity aims not only at securing the market of the country and the region. The company also has a broad export network. Azersun Holding is also a distributor of the trans-national company Unilever in Azerbaijan. Nowadays, over 5,000 people are employed at holding's enterprises.

Azersun Holding forms a part of Intersun group. Apart from food and agriculture industry enterprises, those that are engaged in banking, construction and oil transportation sector also form a part of Intersun group.

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AZERISHIG OJSC

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About the company: Azerishig OJSC was established on the basis of Bakielektrikshebeke OJSC (Baku electricity grid) by the order of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, dated February 10, 2015. Purchasing electricity within Azerbaijan, Azerishig OJSC supplies electricity to consumers in reliable, safe and efficient manner, introduces new technologies in this branch, upgrades a material-technical base, ensuring its efficient use, as well as performs other activities with the aim to develop this sector.

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About the company: Azneft PU, the largest structural unit of SOCAR, operates a total of 30 oil and gas fields, of which 12 lie in the Caspian basin (offshore) and 18 onshore. The main mission of the Union is to explore and develop oil and gas fields, construct and operate oil and gas wells, produce and deliver oil, gas and gas condensate. The Union includes 8 Oil and Gas Production Departments, a Department on Operating Gas Storage Facilities, a Gas Processing Plant, 2 Transport Departments, a Diving Service, and an Experimental Production Enterprise for Repair and Rental of Submersible Facilities.

The core values of the Union are the human factor, security, protection of ecological balance, innovation, honesty, and determination. The Union is continuously taking measures to maintain and increase production. The drilling process of the ordered wells is carried out by using the most modern and high-quality equipment, and a well control and geophysical-measurement work is carried out in accordance with world standards. In preparation for the autumn-winter season, a lot of work is being done to increase the volume of active gas in underground gas storage facilities. In the future, it is planned to further increase the volume of gas pumped into underground gas storage facilities.

The main goals of the Union are to develop a human capital, protect and improve safe working conditions, reduce carbon emissions to net zero, use financial resources - increase profits, explore new oil and gas fields, optimize the development of existing active fields, rehabilitate onshore fields - increase in production, to maintain and increase oil & gas production and build a system that meets international standards.

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AZERIGAZ PU

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About the company: Azerigaz Closed Joint Stock Company was reorganized in July 2009 by the Azerbaijan Republic President's order "On improving the management framework of the oil-gas industry", and continues operating as Azerigaz Production Union within SOCAR.

Receiving natural gas from delivery points within the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Production Union is performing distribution and sale of these gas volumes. Working for the PU are scientists, engineers, maintenance and technical personnel. Besides, there is a construction-renovation department, a storage service, as well as other units, departments and zones performing production operations within the PU. The PU is providing gas to about 2.4 million consumers in all the regions of the country. There is an optimal control mechanism over a complex gas distribution system consisting of gas control points, pipelines and many other technical and technological facilities, which makes it possible to perform this function. Azerigaz PU is actively engaged in new projects within the framework of SOCAR's in-progress broad program on restructuring of the industry and set-up of production in line with modern requirements.

The PU's mission is to ensure safe operation of the gas network in the Azerbaijan Republic in accordance with the requirements of the legislation and international standards, protect the environment, achieve customer satisfaction by providing uninterrupted, high-quality and safe gas supply to all natural gas consumers, as well as introduce modern equipment and technologies in all areas of the PU by using advanced methods that have a positive impact on the development of gas production, and ensure sustainable development. The "PLAN-FULFILL-CHECK-DEVELOP" motto is taken as the basis in order to ensure sustainable development.

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PLATINUM MEMBER

GAZELLI GROUP LTD

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Founder and
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About the company: Gazelli Group, the first national perfume and cosmetics company engaged in making products out of rich natural medicinal ingredients of Azerbaijan, was founded by Dr. Zarifa Hamzayeva in 1999.

A factory, located on an area of 12,000 m2, equipped with the latest equipment and possessing a monthly production capacity of more than 120 tons of high-quality products, is playing a crucial role in the company's structure. Over 20 years of activity, the company has obtained 18 patents for important active ingredients, and developed more than 1,600 recipes for cosmetic products in the course of scientific research.

The company's ability to produce high-quality products with minimal negative environmental impact was confirmed by the GMP certificate, which is considered the most prestigious international standard, as well as the European standards ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 18001. As the first company which received an environmental passport in Azerbaijan in 2009, Gazelli Group constantly focuses on environmental safety and environmental protection issues during its activities.

Owing to its huge technological potential, Gazelli Group offers on favorable contract terms a whole range of services, starting from developing recipes right up to production of finished products.

At present, Gazelli Group is not simply a factory producing cosmetic products or a research and production laboratory. In 2002, the Gazelli House beauty, health and active longevity center was opened. In 2007, Gazelly House UK started operating in London. Adhering to the single philosophy of physical and spiritual development of the company, the Gazelli Art House gallery was opened in Baku in 2003 and then in London in 2011.

Today, our products are already known all over the world under the "Made in Azerbaijan" brand. This is proved by the prestigious national and international awards given to us.

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AVIATION SERVICES GROUP LLC

President
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About the company: Known in the Republic of Azerbaijan and international aviation business, Aviation Services Group is a group of companies with a long history.

The enterprises operating within ASG Group are as follows:

ASG Business Aviation – an EBAA member and the region's largest private aviation center. ASG Business Aviation offers its clients the fastest, most secure, luxury, and state-of-the-art aircrafts for charter travel. Since its foundation in 2007, ASG Business Aviation has been operating flights to almost any corner of the world, and offering private charter flight timetables customized for each individual customer.

ASG Helicopter Services – founded in 2008, the company provides all types of helicopter services, including tourist, rescue, medical and VIP flights, passenger and cargo transportation to onshore and offshore destinations, etc. Has a large helicopter fleet and maintenance center.

ASG Ground Handling – having an IATA certificate, RA3 aviation security certificate and other international certificates, provides air transport services for international airports of Azerbaijan, domestic and foreign airline companies, freight and passenger carriers. The company operates automated three-tier cargo terminals with an area of more than 24,000 m2, managed by the most advanced systems in the region.

ASG SkyCatering - a specialized aviation enterprise providing inflight catering to civil aviation entities and other industries, as well as aircraft cleaning and disinfection services. All processes are certified in accordance with international ISO, HACCP, GOST and SNIP standards.

ASG Construction – a specialized construction and design company implementing infrastructure projects for airports and airfields. The company has gained professional experience by delivering many significant projects.

ASG Logistics & Supply - a logistics company with many years of experience in organizing and managing international supplies.

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CASPEL

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About the company: Caspel LLC was founded in 2005 as one of the country's first IT integrator companies in the field of wide application of new information-communication technologies. Caspel LLC has now managed to become a leading player in the country's ICT sphere. An essential area of the company's activity is system integration, network solutions, automation, as well as IT monitoring and consulting.

During the 20-year period of activity, Caspel LLC, thanks to a highly qualified team and professional technical base, has successfully implemented more than 7,000 complex and large-scale projects in the state, oil-gas, banking, healthcare and other sectors, among which are the development and implementation of SCADA systems within the framework of the Oguz-Gabala-Baku Water Pipeline project.

Among other priority projects of the company, it is also necessary to highlight the work on the development and implementation of a disaster-resistant backup center, a system for monitoring and collecting statistical data, a fiber-optic network connecting all central terminals across the country, as well as a hyperconvergence system, which today is an innovative step in the field of data processing.

The company's specialists carried out such work as the design and implementation of IT infrastructure at the Heydar Aliyev Center in the city of Shemkir. Today, as part of the project to organize the International Astronautical Congress, Caspel is implementing work to upgrade the IT network of the Heydar Aliyev Center.

Also, among the ambitious projects, we can mention completion of IT infrastructures for new administrative buildings of the Ministry of Agriculture, as well as the New Azerbaijan Party.

Today, the company's 5 regional offices are successfully operating in several countries.

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CASPIAN SERVICE

Chairman of the
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About the company: The international construction company CASPIAN SERVICE was founded in 2001 in Baku, becoming the foundation of the revival of the construction industry in Azerbaijan. The cultural mission of the company is to popularize the process of integrating the traditional oriental architectural style with modern world trends. This fusion of traditions and modernity turned out to be so in demand that it got the name - "Baku architecture", becoming the hallmark of the company.

For such a relatively short time, the company has transformed into a rapidly developing construction organization, whose forces have built and commissioned more than 1 million square meters areas, including luxury housing, office buildings, shopping and sports complexes, and many more.

Importantly, in the construction of any facility, particular importance is attached to the infrastructure of the environment, the creation of high-level services and operating conditions.

The company continues to implement many projects not only in Azerbaijan, but also in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Russia, and Poland. Services provided by the company: Development, General contract in construction, Design, Construction management, Marketing.

Moreover, CASPIAN SERVICE is the first of the construction companies in Azerbaijan, which has expanded its activities outside the republic, by forming and defining the architectural appearance of modern cities.

A non-trivial approach to problem-solving, a creative attitude to each project, the highest level of professionalism of specialists and well-coordinated team work, the company's own technical base and established relations with the world's best manufacturers allowed CASPIAN SERVICE to take its rightful place as a leader in the construction industry.

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FCHAIN CORPORATION

Founder and
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About the company: Established in Baku in 2002, FCHAIN Corporation has rapidly evolved into a global leader in the field of outsourcing services. With a remarkable network of 14 branches across the world, including Azerbaijan, Georgia, Türkiye, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Czechia, Singapore, Ukraine, Belarus, Moscow, and Israel, the company's continuous expansion reflects its resounding success.

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The steady growth of FCHAIN Corporation's branch network exemplifies its commitment to meeting the diverse needs of clients worldwide. New branches of the company are registered every year, showcasing the company's prowess in delivering exceptional service and ensuring client satisfaction.

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MYGROUP HOLDING

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About the company: MyGroup Holding is a group of companies operating in Azerbaijan since 2017. It consists of 17 companies with its main office located in Dubai and a secondary office in Azerbaijan. Additionally, the holding has offices in Canada, Russia, and Georgia.

Initially, MyGroup started its activities in the field of electronics sales, but currently, its operations span several industries. The holding is involved in various sectors, including automotive sales, participation in the oil sector, marketing services, retail sales of groceries, and real estate sales in Dubai, among others.

The list of subsidiaries includes: MyShops, MyRealEstate, MyCars, MyBarber, MyTravel, MyExpress, MyNumber, MyTv, MyDoctor, MyNews, MyConstruction, MySoft, MyStudio, MyMi, MyMobile, MyService, MyParfumes, MyGrocery, MyJewels.

As MyGroup Holding, we proudly announce our official partnership with the renowned global brand VERTU. The official VERTU Boutique opened in Baku (White City) will be transformed into a space where customers can familiarize themselves with a wide range of Vertu products, receive specialized advice, and evaluate the service level according to the brand status.

The first company of the holding, MyShops, is one of the leading retailers of mobile and electronic technology in Azerbaijan. The quality of the products offered by our company is high, and the prices are reasonable.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

COMPLEX DRILLING WORKS TRUST OF SOCAR

Head of the Trust
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About the company: SOCAR CDWT, the successor of the old and proud school of Azerbaijani drillmen, was established by the order of the Azerbaijan Republic President Ilham Aliyev in March 2007.

The Trust is a full-fledged member of the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC). Possessing a high-skilled staff of specialists and well-equipped production base meeting all latest standards, the Trust successfully performs all types of the industrial work.

The Trust's portfolio includes such projects as a discovery of Umid field, horizontal wells at West Absheron and Pirallakhy fields, a project on enlargement of underground gas storages and a commissioning of high-output gas condensate wells at Bulla Deniz field.

The level of the production professionalism and technological support makes SOCAR CDWT the largest and the advanced national drilling organization of our Republic.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

SOCAR MARKETING AND OPERATIONS

General Manager
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About the company: SOCAR Marketing and Operations was established to ensure effective sale of oil and petroleum products in Azerbaijan and the global market in accordance with the interests of SOCAR.

SOCAR MO is also engaged in sale of hydrocarbons of operating companies functioning on basis of production sharing and joint venture agreements. SOCAR MO seeks to carry out effective supply of oil and oil products to customers and to achieve new markets. Oil export is carried out via three pipelines: Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan, Baku-Supsa, Baku-Novorossiysk. Azeri Light oil produced at Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli fields is exported along the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) and Baku-Supsa pipelines. Condensate from Shah Deniz field is exported via BTC. Crude oil produced at SOCAR fields is exported along the Baku-Novorossiysk pipeline.

SOCAR MO also exports petroleum products such as gasoil L-62 (D-01), jet fuel TS-1, vacuum gasoil, bitumen BNB 50/70 and etc., as well as methanol, urea, and petrochemical products.

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AZPETROL LTD

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The main objective of Azpetrol Company is to hold its positions in the private sector of the Azerbaijani economy, as well as contribute to its further development. The company intends to keep improving its activity, covering all the regions of the republic, opening new working places, expanding the range of its services, as well as applying advanced technologies.

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OIL & GAS

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B.O.S. (BAKU OIL SERVICES)

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About the company: The company has been actively working in the region since 2005 and specializes in fabric maintenance, scaffolding, all types of Insulation, surface preparation and coating application, materials and rental equipment (compressors, lighting towers, generators, mobile cranes, etc).

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DEBET SAFETY

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About the company: Debet Safety was established in 1997 as a manufacturer, importer and distributor of a full range of Personal Protective Equipment. Debet Safety cooperates with many companies operating in the oil and gas, construction and other industries.

Along with holding a leading position in production and sales of various types of Personal Protective Equipment, Debet Safety is also an official distributor of 3M, Uvex, MSA, Bolle, Ansell, Jallatte, HexArmor, DuPont and many other world leading manufacturers in this field. In manufacturing of all its products, the company uses raw materials that meet international quality standards. After being successfully tested by test laboratories and certification bodies of the European Union, the workwear manufactured by Debet Safety received EN ISO 11612, EN 1149, EN ISO 14116, EN ISO 13688 certificates of conformity.

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OIL & GAS SERVICES

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About the company: Azerbaijan Maritime Engineering and Construction (AMEC) LLC is a company meeting all international standards and performing all types of vessel inspection, vessel and offshore engineering, offshore project management, and lease of vessels required for projects. LLC also provides management services in the maritime, navigation, oil-gas and RES sectors. Starting from this year and targeting the construction field, alongside the mentioned areas of activity we are now engaged in performing of drilling operations, laying of oil-gas pipelines, designing and building of passenger/cargo terminals, bridges and berths for vessels.

Meanwhile, following the principle of environmental protection, AMEC is working over innovative projects to substitute conventional sources of energy with alternative energy, and lower the contamination rates of the marine and atmospheric air.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

ENERMUS CJSC

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About the company: ENERMUS CJSC has started operating since 07.01.2016 and gained wide experience over the period of its activity. The company, specializing in the gas industry since the beginning of its activity, over time switched from the sale of household and industrial gas equipment to the local production of cabinet-type gas control points and pneumatic odorization units. Having received a license in 2017, ENERMUS CJSC started performing construction and installation works, as well as providing services in the gas industry.

Noteworthy among company's major areas of activity are the design of gas supply, construction of gas pipelines, sale of gas equipment and engineering consulting services in the gas industry. The CJSC is the official representative in Azerbaijan of manufacturing plants of such countries as the USA, Italy, Germany, Russia, and Türkiye. The company has international certificates such as ISO9001, ISO14001 and ISO 45001.

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OIL & GAS SERVICES

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ERP SYSTEM

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GOLDEN MEMBER

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ENERGY INDUSTRY

GOLDEN MEMBER

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We prioritize quality and safety in our services and have achieved multiple ISO accreditations, including ISO 9001, ISO 45001, and ISO 14001 as an organization, as well as ISO 17020 and 17025 for our laboratories offering pressure testing and calibration services.

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CERTIFICATION

GOLDEN MEMBER

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Our network of testing centers will help you to lower risks, accelerate an entry into markets, and also check the compliance of quality, safety and performance specifications of products with requirements of occupational health, safety and standards from other regulatory spheres, while certification will let you demonstrate that your products, business processes, systems and services meet the requirements of national and international standards, technical regulations, as well as standards prescribed by your customers.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

HIRA CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY

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About the company: Known for its many renovation and construction projects, HIRA CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY provides its clients a broad range of service offerings. Having implemented a number of large scale projects in a short span of time, HIRA CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY gifted functional and beautiful buildings to the infrastructure of our country.

Aspiring to revitalize the local architectural-construction sector, our company strives to accomplish its goals together with professionals representing every field of this sector, and partners it cooperates with!

The areas of company's activities are as follows: bridge and over-bridge construction, mechanical, electrical and network operations, assembling of concrete and reinforced-concrete structures, erection of structural steel, industrial and civil construction work, facade work, pile work, road construction, special earthwork operations, and hydraulic works.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

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About the company: In 1991, a group of ambitious young people created the company named Improtex, inspired by the independence of Azerbaijan, and took their first steps in the tourism sector.

In a short time, the company has grown into a group with a broad and diversified focus from the tourism sector to the production sector.

The main priorities of the company from the very first days were the training of qualified staff, the use and support of the development of the most modern technologies, and the contribution to the formation of the brand "Made in Azerbaijan" in high-tech manufacturing industries.

Improtex Group includes subsidiaries such as Improtex Motors, Improtex Trucks & Buses, Improtex Industries LLC, and Imagro.

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About the company: Baku International Sea Trade Port CJSC (the Port of Baku) stands as a prominent trade and logistics hub in Eurasia. Positioned strategically at the nexus of the East-West and North-South transport corridors, it inherits the legacy of the historic Silk Road, linking Europe and Asia. Situated just 70 kilometers from the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, and intricately connected to the nation's primary railways and highways, the Port of Baku in Alat features 13 bridges, including Ro-Ro, Ferry, and General Freight Terminals. The ongoing second phase of expansion is poised to further elevate the port's capacity to an impressive total throughput of 25 million tons, featuring 500,000 TEU.

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LOGISTICS

GOLDEN MEMBER

ASE EXPRESS & OCS, DSV

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About the company: The ASE EXPRESS & OCS, DSV Company has been operating in the cargos transportation market of Azerbaijan since 1994 as a representative of Turkish and Japanese transport companies: ASE EXPRESS, OCS and DSV. ASE EXPRESS performs timely delivery of goods from Western and Eastern Europe, Central and South-East Asia, North and South America to any points in Azerbaijan as well as arranges a full range of relative services starting from cargo consolidation and insurance right up to customs registration. The company provides air transportation of small freights and cargoes within loading gauges (from door to door and to airport), express-delivery of all types of consignments and documents all over the world, cargo transportation in trucks, customs clearance, warehousing and booking of cargo, as well as control throughout the whole route. ASE EXPRESS & OCS, DSV also offers its customers private air transportation.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

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About the company: Founded in 1997, W&E Forward provides all types of logistics and transport services. Our company occupies one of the leading positions in the logistics services market of the country, providing a professional level of logistics service that meets the high requirements of customers, their market needs and goals. We align our work with individual needs of each client and features of their cargo, as well as offer effective solutions to any, even complex and non-routine situations.

The head office is located in Baku, with adjacent branches in Europe, Asia and CIS countries. The company owns its own vehicle park, car service, warehouse and is a dealer of several world brands for cargo spare parts, which allows us to provide any service on a high-quality level.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

VALOUR LOGISTICS

General Director
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About the company: Valour Logistics performs cargo transportation to Europe and Asia by own motor vehicles reaching 100 units. Our offices in America, Türkiye, Georgia, and Azerbaijan, as well as warehouse networks in Italy, Germany, Azerbaijan and the USA, develop a strong business partnership in Europe and Asia. Every week, we carry out partial and full load shipments from Türkiye to Georgia and Azerbaijan. Our services comprise cross-border freight transportation (door-to-door cargo deliveries), vehicular, maritime and railway transportation, container transportation (ISO, etc.), terminal and port services, intermodal and multimodal shipping.

We are operating in such countries as Italy, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Belgium, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Russia.

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LOGISTICS

GOLDEN MEMBER

UNION LOGISTICS

Director
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About the company: As the company with extensive experience in the international transportation, Union Logistics launched its operations in the Central Asian region in 2012. Since 2014, the company has been transporting goods from China to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and RF. Since 2018 the company has been engaged in the process of transporting freight from Türkiye to Russia via Central Asia. Union Logistics with a large team of professionals has four warehouses under its management in China. The company achieved great success in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, which led to the opening of a new branch of the company in Azerbaijan in 2022. Within a short period of time the company has signed contracts with the railways of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Nowadays, with its long-term experience Union Logistics is able to deliver goods from China to Azerbaijan in 15-25 days.

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AGRO

GOLDEN MEMBER

MKT PRODUCTION COMMERCIAL LLC

Executive Director
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About the company: MKT Production Commercial LLC has over 25 years' experience in the non-oil sector of the Azerbaijani economy. The company's main activity is to grow cotton in 15 out of the country's 20 cotton-growing regions, as well as to supply and process it at ginneries in which the company has a controlling stake.

The company produces yarn, cottonseed oil, cottonseed and cotton yarn, mainly out of mullein, cotton, as well as lint, wool and mohair from raw cotton.

Operating within the LLC are cotton processing, storage and innovation farms located in the regions, as well as the Baku Textile branch and Mingachevir Textile Park which produce different kinds of yarn out of raw cotton, and Shirvan cottonseed oil mill.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

INSURANCE

QALA SIGORTA INSURANCE COMPANY

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About the company: Qala Insurance has been present in the insurance market for 25 years now. On December 24, 1998, the US insurance corporation American International Group Inc. AIG started its activities under the name of AIG Caspian Insurance Company (AIG Caspian Insurance Company). Since 2015, the local brand has successfully joined all segments of the market with a new sales strategy launched under the "Gala" brand. Qala Insurance is one of the 2 companies in the insurance market that has 4 compulsory insurance products. Qala Insurance now ranks 2nd among non-life insurance companies in the market according to the volume of insurance premiums.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

CONSULTING

ALKAN CONSULTING GROUP

Founder/Director
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About the company: Alkan Consulting Group has been in the international finance and business sector for 30 years. The main directions of the company's activity cover financial, administrative and business consulting, domestic and foreign investment consulting, establishment of correspondent banking relationship with local and foreign institutions, market survey, legal consulting, and support in HR and organizational issues.

Applying the knowledge in finance and long-standing experience in implementation of investment projects, the company helps to choose the most beneficial financial solutions, promoting accelerated customer development. It acquaints local companies with opportunities in performing foreign operations, and familiarizes foreign companies' representatives with advantages and innovations of the constantly developing economy of Azerbaijan.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

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GOLDEN MEMBER

GLOBAL HUMAN RESOURCE SOLUTIONS

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About the company: GHRS is a Human Resources & Project Management Company that provides a comprehensive range of Human Resources & Project Management Solutions with a business focus.

We pay special attention to the development of strong working relationships with our clients by understanding their business, their needs, and the company culture. With that understanding and with the knowledge and expertise gained from over 17 years of experience in human resources and business, we recommend solutions that align with business priorities and then support clients in implementation.

As a team, we are working with small to large size private, public and non-profit organizations across diverse sectors.

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CONSTRUCTION

GOLDEN MEMBER

KOLIN AZERBAIJAN

General Director
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About the company: Established in 1977 in Türkiye as a General Contractor, the company has managed to extend its business portfolio ever since, implementing various projects around the world. As the flagship of Kologlu Holding, Kolin Construction has successfully completed various projects in Azerbaijan since 2006 with high quality and in a timely manner. With the annual turnover more than $2 billion on through various business sectors, Kolin has grown as a major player in industrial, energy, oil and gas, mining and infrastructure sectors of the global construction market. With the principle of being a pioneer, in 2016 Kolin also constructed Türkiye's first private Floating Storage Regasification Unit within a record time.

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

GOLDEN MEMBER

MASTER TOOLS

Director
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About the company: Established in 2012, Master Tools LLC is selling the materials used in construction sector, as well as in oil and gas industry. We provide our customers with industrial equipment and their spare parts, security equipment, lifting security tools, hand tools, power tools, electronic measuring devices, metal cutters, grinding discs and many other goods and services.

Master Tools is an official representative of many famous brands in Azerbaijan and in the world market, and holds ISO: 9001, 14001 and 45001 certification. Brands we represent are made in America and Europe: Miller, Hobart, Yildiz, Bosch, Izeltash, Yakamoz, Loctite, Egesan, and Permolit which received positive feedback from well-known users in the Azerbaijani market.

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

GOLDEN MEMBER

KERAMA TRADE

Founder and CEO
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About the company: Kerama Trade has been operating in the construction market for over 5 years, specializing in the supply of facade and interior systems. It represents more than 7 ceramic tile and construction material factories in Azerbaijan and has 2 showrooms in Baku. We are reliable partners for our clients because our service is always provided in a timely and high-quality manner. Over the years of our company's existence, our team has built a substantial portfolio of clients. In Azerbaijan we supplied materials for several significant projects, serving industrial/civil construction, as well as low-rise commercial projects. Clients choosing us receive high-quality materials and expert service.

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WATERING EQUIPMENT & NAVIGATION SYSTEM

GOLDEN MEMBER

YAGMUR-2 LLC

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About the company: Yağmur-2 LLC which has been operating since 2006, offers a complete solution to the irrigation issue using smart technologies both on crop areas and on household plots. Irrigation systems offered by the company allow minimizing human participation in the irrigation process, metering the amount of water used, and also controlling the irrigation process from a distance. The company's scope of activity also includes the creation of artificial reservoirs.

To date, Yağmur-2 has implemented most of the largest projects on landscape and agriculture irrigation within the entire territory of Azerbaijan. Irrigation system for large plantations of almonds, apples, nectarines, plums, vineyards, as well as cereals is an example of this.

The company is the first in the country to use underground drip irrigation and is practicing this technology to this day.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

AZERCONNECT LLC

Chief Executive Officer
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About the company: Azerconnect is the first B2B (Business-to-Business) company operating in Azerbaijan's dynamically developing ICT and high technologies sectors. Established in 2013, the company provides a wide range of ICT services in line with international standards.

Azerconnect contributes to the sustainable development of the country's ICT sector and digital transformation processes by providing fully comprehensive, centralized, and innovative telecommunications services in the B2B sector. The list of the company's services includes: The full scale of technology services, Customer experience management services, Specialized financial, human resources, supply chain, and other support services, strategic marketing and sales services.

The company continuously improves the range of its services guided by the principles of customer orientation, business acumen, agile and innovative approach. Azerconnect is part of NEQSOL Holding, an international group of companies operating across industries and countries.

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COMMUNICATION

GOLDEN MEMBER

CASPIAN EVENT ORGANISERS LLC

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About the company: The scale and importance of the events arranged, including the "ADEX" Azerbaijan International Defence Exhibition, "Bakutel" Azerbaijan International Telecommunications, Innovations and High Technologies Exhibition and Conference, "AITF" Azerbaijan International Travel and Tourism Fair, "Caspian Agro" Azerbaijan International Agriculture Exhibition, Azerbaijan International "EduExpo" Exhibition, "TransLogistica Caspian" Caspian International Transport, Transit and Logistics Exhibition, "InterFood Azerbaijan" Azerbaijan International Food Industry Exhibition, "BakuBuild" Azerbaijan International Construction Exhibition and other indicates the high professionalism of the services provided by CEO.

As a result of 15 years of successful organisation of meetings, conferences and large-scale congresses, PCO team of Caspian Event Organisers gained trust of governmental bodies and many international organisations and corporations from around the world.

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EVENT MANAGEMENT

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GOLDEN MEMBER

ITECA CASPIAN LLC

Director
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About the company: Created in 2000, Iteca Caspian LLC has established itself as the leading organiser of exhibitions and conferences in Azerbaijan. The events of Iteca Caspian are held with the official support of Azerbaijan State structures. The company's portfolio includes such events as International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference, and Caspian International Power and Alternative Energy Exhibition.

The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry (UFI) awarded the "UFI Approved Event" sign to the International Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition. The "UFI Approved Event" sign indicates a high organisational level of events, their impact on business development and the formation of the industry, and also confirms the accuracy of statistics.

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ADVERTISING AGENCY

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BHB STRATEGIC & CREATIVE CO.

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About the company: The company started operating in the media sector in 2009. In-depth knowledge of the market and longstanding practice of the efficient media planning are the key factors providing advantages to BHB. In 2019, BHB did an updating and established a creative and digital department. The approach based on a right strategy enabled BHB to attract about 70 leading companies of the country into its portfolio.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

TIMES CONSULTING

Founder
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About the company: Times Consulting is a specialized advertising company offering 360 degree marketing services, from technical design of the product to its presentation, from outdoor advertising to digital advertising, from TV and radio placements to major campaigns. The company, with its head office in Baku, has successfully implemented effective advertising campaigns for a number of global and local brands with its creative and professional approach for more than 15 years of its operation. The secret of this success lies in the company's approach to its partners with the motto: "our customer's success is our success". Behind creativity and professionalism comes a marketing team consisting of specialists each being professional in their own field. The core principles of the company are based on uniqueness, creativity, punctuality, and responsibility. Times Consulting, with its target to become the most advanced advertising company of the country, plans to achieve this goal by relying on its professional staff, capabilities and potential.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

VITAM

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About the company: VITAM - special advertising and furniture solutions!

It is enough just to choose VITAM to get outstanding furniture and advertising solutions, as well as to make your brand memorable. VITAM's services will help you to achieve your goals. VITAM is ready to offer you comprehensive support owing to its 19-year experience in the furniture and advertising industry.

Since 2004, VITAM has stood out by its unusual and creative work, providing continual support to construction, retail, textile, electronic, automotive, and other brands.

Our services include advertising installations, showcases, commercial furniture, exhibition and ready-made stands, wide format printing, construction solutions, design and planning.

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ADVERTISING AGENCY

CONSULTING

GOLDEN MEMBER

ENEM AUDIT AND CONSULTING

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About the company: Financial Academy Audit and Consulting LLC has been operating since 2017. Having done the rebranding, the company continued operating as ENEM Audit and Consulting from July 2023. Since its foundation, our company, together with its professional and experienced specialists, has been holding trainings on accounting/bookkeeping management and maintenance, accounting control, proper recording and optimization of tax records, auditing company's financial and operating performance in compliance with international and national standards, HR management, finance and accounting, and providing other consulting services to companies operating in the construction, production, public catering, trade and other sectors of the economy.

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FMCG

GOLDEN MEMBER

VEYSELOGLU GROUP OF COMPANIES

Chairman of the Board
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About the company: Established in 1994, Veyseloglu Group of Companies is a diversified FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods) group covering various areas of the supply chain, including retail, distribution, logistics, and production.

The mission of the Veyseloglu Group of Companies is to provide society with clean, healthy and high-quality daily consumer goods at an affordable price.

By taking responsible commitments such as food security, sustainability and new jobs creation, Veyseloglu creates value for the economy and population of the country, ensuring food security and sustainability of food supply.

The number of employees working for Veyseloglu Group of Companies exceeds 20,000, which puts the company alongside the largest employers of the country.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

ATENA GROUP CJSC

Chairman of the
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About the company: Atena Group CJSC was established in November 1992. The Company entered a new stage of development within the framework of the State programme for the social and economic development of the regions of the Azerbaijan Republic launched in 2010. Such subsidiaries as ATENA LLC and ATENA AGRO LLC were established.

ATENA LLC is the most powerful milk processing enterprise built with the latest technology and processing about 250 tonnes of milk per day. All ATENA products undergo about 100 types of analyses, of which 98 apply to milk. There are 4 labs operating in the plant, accredited by the state and aimed at maintaining the milk quality.

ATENA is one of the active participants of the "Made in Azerbaijan" brand development and export mission of the country. Along with its own development, ATENA Group CJSC is involved in social-economic development of the country and the region as a whole.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

NANT LLC

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About the company: The main profile of NANT LLC, founded in 2002, is the import and distribution of food products in Azerbaijan. NANT LLC is the main official distributor of leading manufacturing companies from such countries as Russia, Indonesia, South Korea, Italy, Greece, Ukraine.

The central office and warehouse of the company are located in Baku. In addition, we have 6 branches in Baku, Ganja, Lankaran, Guba, Mingachevir, Sabirabad, as well as a sub-distributor in the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic. Each branch is equipped with modern storage facilities, a fleet of vehicles and a professional sales team to deliver products to the markets on time.

Our team has all the skills and modern sales tools to cover all outlets in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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IT

GOLDEN MEMBER

R.I.S.K. COMPANY

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TOURISM CENTERS

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About the company: Shahdag Mountain Resort is the first and largest mountain ski resort of Azerbaijan. Construction of the Shahdag Mountain Resort started in September 2009. Shahdag Mountain Resort has modern equipment and facilities meant for winter and summer activities.

- 5 hotels (from lux suites to family apartments).
- 16 restaurants (Azerbaijani and international cuisines).
- 100% snow guarantee (usually from mid December till the end of March).
- A ski school, highly professional instructors.
- Selection of entertainment programs and activities.
- SPA, health and fitness centers.

In summer season, Shahdag Mountain Resort offers various sports games for people of all ages, from the adventure park to bouncy castles, roller-coaster, quad biking, Nordic walking and paragliding.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

AGROTRADE SUPPLY LLC

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About the company: Agrotrade Supply LLC is a group of companies operating in the country's agroindustrial sector, offering customers high-quality agricultural and food products. Operating within the company are a flour mill, a feed factory, a soybean processing plant, 2 bakeries, as well as flour and confectionery goods factories. Besides, ATS Group is engaged in agricultural activities on the territory with an area of 11 thousand hectares.

The prime objective of creating Agrotrade Supply enterprises is to support domestic development of the non-oil sector, as well as create and preserve permanent workplaces.

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AGRO

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UNA LLC

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About the company: UNA LLC has been operating in Azerbaijan since 2023 and specializes in the construction sector. In this short time, our company has managed to gain success in the construction industry. Nowadays, the services provided by the company include architecture and design, construction management, housing construction, etc. The company has all facilities and a qualified engineering staff whose engagement is important for qualitative implementation of all tasks. Our professionalism allows us to stay on the leading edge and meet all expectations of customers. Uniqueness, punctuality and responsibility are the core principles that UNA LLC follows in its work. We highly appreciate the trust and time of our partners and clients.

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CONSTRUCTION

PRINT

GOLDEN MEMBER

XEROTEK LLC

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About the company: Established in September 1995 as an authorized dealer of Xerox, Xerotek LLC has become an authorized distributor of Xerox in Azerbaijan since 2001.

Having focused on the market leader 'Xerox brand', Xerotek LLC has forged a strong image in the local market of the document processing solutions within a very short time.

Synonymous with service quality and efficiency, Xerotek LLC has adopted Xerox's corporate "A Service Company" theme, standing at the cutting edge of technology on one hand, and continuously investing in training programs on the other.

The company's operation history has shown that XEROTEK LLC is not only a reliable provider of services and products, but also is open and flexible to provide customers with the latest industrial solutions based on advanced XEROX technologies.

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TRAINING

GOLDEN MEMBER

IST SERVICES

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About the company: IST Services was established in 2019 an organization founded by a group of professional engineers, safety professionals and human resource managers. Our goal is to provide high-level, professional training for employees of oil and gas and other industries. The high level of service of our center is reflected in the quality of the solutions we create for our customers, the value we receive from our products and services. We perform our services in accordance with the highest standards, we are always looking for ways to continuously improve the work we do in all aspects. We strive to further develop our employees by training them in relevant fields. We are looking for and recruiting the best candidate for each position. Our company is managed by highly qualified specialists with ISO 9001: 2015 quality management system.

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GOLDEN MEMBER

ARASH MEDICAL COMPANY

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About the company: Arash Firm, which is the top choice of valuable medical professionals who want to take the right steps and receive professional services to be ahead in the world of healthcare and use innovative technologies, has been operating since 1994 and as Arash Medical Company since 2011. The company that has prioritized quality, reliability and professionalism since its inception, over time has become a leader in the industry.

It sells medical and orthopedic products in specialized stores, and also produces medical furniture.

The area of activity covers the entire field of medical technology, as well as design and supply of hospitals in general. The company supplies the leading clinics and hospitals of Azerbaijan with modern medical equipment, as well as medical furniture.

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MEDICAL

GOLDEN MEMBER

TCS

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OIL & GAS EQUIPMENT

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Iqlim Ltd LLC

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MASDAR AZERBAIJAN

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AvtomatikaAz

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INDUSTRY EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES

SILVER MEMBER

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STP products feature high quality and are available in the markets of Russia, Israel, Georgia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Türkiye. Products are sold under the 'Made in Azerbaijan' brand.

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IMPROTEX MOTORS

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SILVER MEMBER

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Currently, the company employs 300 people. In addition to applying the latest raw materials and technologies from Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Japan, and Türkiye, the company also attracts foreign experts with modern experience. At present, the company produces more than 5,000 different types of textile products in accordance with European standards, as well as fulfills various government and corporate orders.

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WATER QUIPMENT SUPPLIES

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SHIP REPAIR

S I L V E R M E M B E R

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Turkish Airlines

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BANK

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Azerbaijan Industry Bank OJSC

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

PASHA Bank

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INSURANCE

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Azerbaijan Industry Insurance OJSC

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Insurance Company PASHA Insurance

About the company: PASHA Insurance OJSC is a recognized leader in the insurance market of Azerbaijan. To date, the value of the company's capital is 50 million AZN. PASHA Insurance offers 36 types of compulsory and voluntary insurance services to around 300 ,000 individual and corporate customers.
International rating agency S&P Global Ratings has affirmed PASHA Insurance's long-term credit rating and financial sustainability rating at 'BB+', and rating outlook at 'Stable.' It is also worth mentioning that PASHA Insurance has received ISO:10002 Complaint Management System Certificate.

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TRADE HOUSE

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PAYMENT SYSTEMS

S I L V E R M E M B E R

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Professional IT

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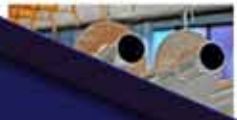

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MADE IN AZERBAIJAN

IT

SILVER MEMBER

AaBaCus LLC

About the company: AaBaCus LLC delivers complex solutions in Queue Management and Customer Satisfaction area, IT integration, as well as solutions for cash operations/cash processing and storing of valuables. The company is also a supplier of high reliability computers and equipment for industrial automation, smart cities, and IIoT in Azerbaijan. The aim of the organization is to provide professional services meeting the highest international standards, to create and introduce unique, individual and non-standard products for its partners.

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SILVER MEMBER

Smart Control

About the company: Since 2015, Smart Control has been engaged in the design of security systems for commercial, state and industrial facilities, as well as in installation and technical support of smart home and building automation. It pays special attention not only to the sale of systems, but also to after-sales service. Smart Control has signed hundreds of successful projects and continues its way with employees with many years of experience.

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SILVER MEMBER

Okmedia

About the company: OKmedia has started operating since 2014, serving at present more than 300 legal entities and individual entrepreneurs. Our constant application of innovative solutions, accurate market research results and the latest technologies in the market leads to the emergence of more beautiful handicrafts than our customers dream of.

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AGRO

SILVER MEMBER

Agro Farmer LLC

About the company: Agro Farmer has been providing services since December 21, 2004, offering quality meat and dairy products. Keeping the farm clean in compliance with high standards guarantees complete security and organic nature of products.

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SILVER MEMBER

ATS Mill (Absheron takhil)

About the company: Operating within AgrotradeSupply Group, Absheron Takhil LLC is one of the flour-milling industry enterprises, playing an important role in the country's food security. Daily production capacity of the enterprise totals 1,000 tons of high quality flour, meeting 14% of the country's flour demand.
The enterprise is producing high and perfect grade flour, I and II sorts, semolina, semolina and other products. The plant's customer base includes about 10 bakeries, small and medium production workshops, as well as households of the city of Baku and all the regions of the republic.

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SILVER MEMBER

ATS Feed (GP Stock Feed LLC)

Director:
Murad Ahmadov

About the company: As the country's second largest feed producing factory, Agdash Feed Factory LLC (GP Stock Feed) has been operating since 2014 and belongs to AgrotradeSupply Group. The plant with an area of 8 hectares consists of two production factories and has a manufacturing capacity of 75 tons per hour, making 200,000 tons of different types of feed products annually.

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SILVER MEMBER

Green Tech

Director:
Nizami Heybatov

About the company: Operating since April 2011, Green Tech LLC is a modern glass-structured greenhouse complex based on innovative technologies. The complex consisting of a greenhouse, a seedling house, as well as a temperature-controlled storage, is equipped with technological facilities meeting modern standards.
Following the 'HEALTHY PRODUCT, HEALTHY LIFESTYLE' motto, the company also meets considerable demand for seedlings in Baku and regions through the seedling complex.

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SILVER MEMBER

Grow Group Azerbaijan

Founder:
Isgandar Gurbanov

About the company: Since 2009, Grow Group Azerbaijan has been contributing to the development of the non-oil sector, promoting the growth of domestic production and export, and further development of the 'Made in Azerbaijan' brand.
Greenhouse systems built by the company are equipped with cutting-edge materials meeting world standards. The company's partner list includes Meteor systems, Mardenkro, Menno, Grodan, Pelemix, Pascal, Bato, Bogaerts, Priva, Bucon, Plastika Kritis, Netafim, and Step Systems.

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AGRO

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Fresh Group

About the company: Berry Blues are the pioneers in the market for the production and supply of blueberries in Azerbaijan. We are chosen for our high quality products and convenient service. Storage and growing conditions are constantly being improved and updated, which gives our customers the opportunity to always have fresh and high-quality blueberry varieties in stock. All our products have Global G.A.P. certification.

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FMCG

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Danone LLC

About the company: Danone LLC started operating in Azerbaijan in 2006. Danone LLC performs import, wholesale and promotion of milk and dairy products in the Azerbaijan Republic, and has its share in the food sector. The company is a participant of the green corridor and has a right to use Actimel, Activia, Danissimo, Rastiška, and Alpro brands.

General Director:
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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Gedebey Mineral Sulari LLC

About the company: Founded in 2004, Gedebey Mineral Sulari LLC performs production and sale of water coming from the natural springs of the 'Gedebey' Mountains. For the first time, the water from the 'Novlu' spring,located in the village of Slavyanka, was presented to consumers under the "Gedebey" and "Slavyanka" brands. Currently, the factory receives water from 8 springs in the mountains located at an altitude of 1,500 meters. In 2010, a factory equipped with new technologies was commissioned in the village of Zahmat, Gedebey district. A lemonade factory has also been put into operation since 2014.

Director:
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S I L V E R M E M B E R

LEZZET FOOD INDUSTRY LLC

About the company: Founded in 1995, Lezzet Food Industry LLC started its business from sugar production. Over the past period, having increased its production capacities, the LLC has achieved success in cleaning and packaging of grain products, roasting and packaging of dried fruits, as well as in production of 'lukum' and corn sticks. Over the years, Lezzet Food Industry LLC has expanded the range of its business, creating new enterprises. Nowadays, operating are "Lezzet Biscuit and Chocolate Factory" LLC, "Lezzet Broyler", Lezzet Food Industry LLC and "Nakhchivan Sharab".

Director:
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FMCG

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Vital Chemistry LLC

About the company: «Vital Chemistry» LLC is one of the companies created jointly by Türkiye and Azerbaijan, and distinguished by its individuality in the business sphere of our country. Operating in the chemical industry, our company produces household chemical products, automotive chemicals, cosmetics and personal care products, pharmacological products, swimming pool products, liquid and powder fertilizers, hespesites, pepsists, fungicides and other products. In addition, our company specializes in agriculture and chemistry.

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MERCHANDISING

S I L V E R M E M B E R

İşartı LLC

About the company: Isarti was established in Azerbaijan on June 3, 2019 in order to provide services that are often difficult for local market entities. We carry out counting, sorting, loss detection, merchandising, promotional and warehousing services which when provided by many other companies may often involve the loss of time, funds, trust and nerve waste.

Founder and Executive Director:
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LOGISTICS

S I L V E R M E M B E R

AZTUGEM LLC

About the company: AZTUGEM LLC is a training and education center providing staff training and retraining services in all areas of service, including HoReCa (hotel, restaurant catering), tourism, education, logistics and transport.
Based on the franchising agreement, AZTUGEM LLC cooperates with TUGEM Training and Consulting, the first accredited commercial educational institution in the field of knowledge transfer (know how).

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

CLK İpekyolu Lojistik ve Ticaret AŞ

About the company: Founded by the Calik family, CLK is a logistics, trading and procurement company carrying out activities in several sectors, including energy, construction, textiles, mining, finance and digital with operations spread throughout 31 countries, spanning Central Asia, the Balkans, Middle East, CIS countries and MENA region. In addition to this, CLK plays an important role in trading of agricultural products and petrochemicals in order to meet global demand.

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SILVER MEMBER

ScanEX

Director:
Kanan Sadigli

About the company: ScanEx is one of the companies operating in the transport and logistics sector of Azerbaijan, and constantly developing in this sector. Operating in this sector for many years, the company provides customers different services. These services include international cargo transportation, forwarding, customs clearance, rental of vehicles, as well as heavy equipment. The geographic reach of the company goes beyond Azerbaijan. It also operates in Georgia.

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SILVER MEMBER

Transbroker LLC

General Director:
Nariman Mammadov

About the company: The main purpose of Transbroker LLC's activity is to assist clients performing export and import operations. Transbroker LLC proposes complex customs brokerage services to clients, which involves not only customs registration, but also assistance in preparation of necessary permits of state authorities.
Customs services include customs registration of exported, imported and transit cargoes without any restrictions on categories of goods in accordance with the commodity nomenclature of Azerbaijan's foreign economic activity.

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SILVER MEMBER

CJ ICM Logistics

Country Director:
Emil Imamov

About the company: As a leading international transportation company, CJ ICM Logistics has been operating in Azerbaijan since 2003. CJ ICM Logistics has gained customers' trust for high service quality & professionalism in the course of implementation of both oil & non-oil sectors' largest projects. CJ ICM Logistics performs transportation of different cargoes by all modes of transport inclusive air, rail, road & sea, as well as carries out heavy/out of gauge cargo handling & provides customs clearance services.

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SILVER MEMBER

166 Cargo and Logistics

Director:
Agil Zeynalov

About the company: The country's leading company in the field of logistics and freight transportation "166 Yükdaşıma və Logistika" started operating in 2012. The company provides its customers with various comprehensive services, including tow truck services, loading services, warehouse services (3PL), cleaning services "166 Təmizlik xidməti", carpet cleaning " 166 Xalça yuma, foreman services "166 Texnoservis", shuttle bus service "166 Transport", etc.

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SILVER MEMBER

NOYTECH Supply Chain Solutions

Managing Director: **Dmitrii Naidenov**

About the company: "NOYTECH Supply Chain Solutions" comprises 32 locations in Azerbaijan, UAE, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Belarus, as well as 144.000 sqm of warehouse area with more than 1.700 staff experts. The product portfolio contains sea, road, rail and air transportation, project and consultancy services (4PL), contract logistics, insurance and customs clearance and a new direction of commodity trading.

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SILVER MEMBER

Gianti Logistic

Commercial Director: **Malik Aliyev**

About the company: The company specializes in handling and transportation of containerized, in gauge, out of gauge, heavy lift and project cargos. Headquartered in Tbilisi, it has branches covering strategically located Black Sea ports Poti and Batumi, also representative offices in Kutaisi and Zestafoni, and reliable partners worldwide. The company also has a representative office in Baku, Azerbaijan

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SILVER MEMBER

Gokbora Transport and Trade LLC

Head of Azerbaijan Branch: **Zenfira Nasirova**

About the company: Gokbora Transport and Trade LLC has been operating in Azerbaijan for over 16 years. We carry out international transportation from European countries and Turkiye to Georgia and Azerbaijan with about 1,000 trucks of our company. At the same time, we provide forwarder service for air and sea shipments from any point of the world to Azerbaijan.

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SILVER MEMBER

LV Caspian Limited

Regional Director: **Fuad Mammadov**

About the company: LV Caspian has been operating in Azerbaijan since 2014. Our head office in Baku is bearing responsibility for the entire Caspian region. LV Caspian currently employs around 80 people across the whole region, which enables the company to be the largest logistics service provider in Azerbaijan.

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LOGISTICS

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Hellmann Worldwide Logistics

Managing Director: **Kamran Habibov**

About the company: Since its foundation in 1871, Hellmann has developed into one of the largest international logistics providers. With our high-performance products for airfreight, seafreight, road & rail, and contract logistics, we always offer the right solution for the complex logistics requirements of our customers and rely on future-oriented digital services for maximum transparency and more efficient supply chains.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

MOBIL GROUP LLC

Director: **Vusal Khalilov**

About the company: MOBIL GROUP is a group companies, covering different areas of activity, including customs representation and international freight services. MOBIL GROUP constantly expands the scope of its services, uniting the leading companies in its industry. Besides the contribution it makes to the country's economy by amalgamating companies operating in different sectors, Mobil Group has prioritized the recruitment of specialized personnel.

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FURNITURE

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Aran Interior

Founder: **Parviz Bakhshaliyev**

About the company: Aran Interior was founded in 2016. From 2006 until its foundation, the company worked under different names in the furniture and décor sectors. The company operates in 3 areas: retail sales, furniture production and implementation of furniture and decorative projects. The retail sale in Baku is carried out at two addresses with a total area of 5,000 m2, while the furniture production is performed at the area of 1 ha.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Offissa Design

Founder and CEO: **Azad Hamidullazade**

About the company: Offissa Design has been producing and selling office furniture since 2014. The reason for the company's creation is to implement furniture-oriented projects and provide customers with high-quality office furniture. The products and services we offer are performed by experienced specialists. We always aim to keep your satisfaction at the top.

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SILVER MEMBER

North West Construction LLC

About the company: Since its establishment in 2007, North West Construction LLC (NWC) has developed into a modern construction and engineering company with experience in implementing complex and modern projects both in Azerbaijan and in the Caucasus region, as well as abroad.
NWC's engineering and construction experience covers industrial facilities, multi-purpose buildings and complexes, roads, bridges, tunnels and other transport infrastructure facilities, water supply and sewerage systems. In addition, NWC provides project management services.

Chairman of the Management Board: **Elchin Badalov**

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SILVER MEMBER

Yeni Memar LLC

About the company: Our company offers design and construction of residential buildings, apartments and cottages, preparation of cost estimates, architectural and engineering design, interior design projects and professional implementation of house projects on a "Key handover" basis, as well as offers furniture and equipment solutions, construction of smart home systems, and authorship control.

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SILVER MEMBER

Ricon LLC

About the company: Ricon LLC's history traced back to 2003. Within 20 years, it has become one of the leading companies, having firmly strengthened its positions among the largest construction firms of Azerbaijan. Introduction and full compliance with the world standards made it possible to gain such success. The company deals with construction of industrial civil and public facilities, as well as irrigation channels, water supply and sewerage systems, tanks and steel structures.

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SILVER MEMBER

Maneco Group

About the company: Maneco Group is 100% locally owned private business established in Azerbaijan. In early 2010, the company entered the construction market in small groups under different names. In 2020, the companies merged under the name of Maneco Group LLC to combine experience and knowledge of highly motivated teams of specialists in various fields of construction and project management under a single roof.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Regus

Director:
Jeyhun Nagiyev

About the company: Located in business areas of Baku, Regus centers offer its potential clients fully equipped modern office units. Offered offices are completely renovated, equipped with air temperature regulation systems and modern office furniture. Services provided during the lease include secure high-speed internet connection, allocated phone line, cleaning and 24-hour security. Our friendly professional staff is always ready to provide you administrative support!

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

MyConstruction

Director:
Mubariz Muttalimov

About the company: One of the main goals pursued by MyConstruction is the comprehensive acquisition and sale of construction products of any complexity by utilizing accumulated experience and integrating professional resources systematically.
Among the company's partners are ADY CJSC, Ministry of Defense Industry, 'Azkontakt' LLC, 'Oil Supply' LLC, Beloretskiy Metallurgical Plant, Korolevsky Pipe Plant, Magnitogorsk Metallurgical Plant, etc.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

EGE YAPI

Chairman of the Board:
Hasan İnanç Kabadayı

About the company: Founded in 2006, Ege Yapı has successfully completed numerous contracting and property development projects such as housing, office, hotel, shopping center and educational institutions at home and abroad. With its solid engineering vision, it adds value to the regions where it develops projects by creating sustainable living spaces with class A energy certificate.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

UPS Construction

CEO:
Nihad Mustafazade

About the company: "UPS Construction" LLC, which we founded in 2015, offers a number of important supply and construction solutions for companies operating in construction, oil and gas, energy, agriculture, telecommunications and other sectors. We have collected various products and services that your business may need in one place.
Focusing on high quality and customer satisfaction, we shape our portfolio following the needs of consumers.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Pasha Property Management LLC

About the company: PASHA Property Management specializes in the sale, leasing, and management of premium real estate. Our extensive portfolio encompasses a range of properties, including both commercial and residential real estate. Notable assets under the company's management include Port Baku Tower I & II, Port Baku Residence, Knightsbridge Residence, Absheron Apartments, and more.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Uni Tiles LLC

About the company: Uni Tiles LLC is the only company with a showroom of high-quality terracotta products in Azerbaijan. The LLC cooperates with terracotta manufacturers applying latest technologies and using the best clay materials to present high-quality terracotta panels/baguettes and floor coverings to customers. We work to ensure that architecture remains attractive for years to come.

Founder and CEO:
Fuad Seyfullayev

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

A.E.S-Trading

About the company: A.E.S-Trading is engaged in export, wholesale and retail sale of boiler equipment, heating, cooling and water supply systems, as well as spare parts. The range of our products is as follows: water heaters, boilers, gas and diesel boilers, radiators, combi, pipes and fittings. We export our products from Italy, Spain, Austria, Russia, Ukraine, and Türkiye.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Kartaş Ltd LLC

About the company: Kartaş Ltd. LLC was incorporated in Azerbaijan and started its production under Mr.Fix brand. The Company carries out production of ceramic and tile adhesives, joint fillers, waterproofing materials, "Polyboard" EPS heat insulation materials, repair mortars, plasters, concrete admixtures "Betonmix", and succeeds in one of the developing sectors of the world. All products are produced in accordance with ISO 9001 quality management system, AZS standard and European standards.

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SILVER MEMBER

Reges Cement Plant LLC

About the company: Reges Cement Plant LLC is one of the important industrial structures in the region and the largest investment project implemented in the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic.
The plant fully meets the local cement demand in the Autonomous Republic, as well as sells it under the 'Made in Azerbaijan' brand in the neighbor regions.
The facility plays a major role in accelerating the region's social-economic development.

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SILVER MEMBER

KARVAN-L

About the company: Operating since 1993, the KARVAN-L group of companies owns multi-profile enterprises engaged in chemical industry, production of construction materials, disposal, glasswork, design and engineering, fertilizer/greenhouse production, and other areas.
The products made at "KARVAN-L" enterprises are exported to Germany, Spain, USA, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Russia, Ukraine, UAE, and other countries.

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SILVER MEMBER

REGAL LIFT LLC

About the company: Established in 2005 in Azerbaijan, REGAL LIFT LLC is engaged in sale, installation and maintenance of elevators, escalators, travelators, dumbwaiters, automotive lifts and all types of elevating machines. REGAL LIFT is an official distributor of the globally known Malaysian company Mashiba in Azerbaijan. Our experienced team of engineers and technicians working in compliance with international standards successfully deals with complex projects at every stage of our activity.

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SILVER MEMBER

Veliev LLC

About the company: Established by Pimaş in 1982, Pimapen has achieved to significantly grow within a short period of time thanks to its successful and systematic efforts. A generic name for windows, Pimapen operates in the field of door and window systems with a customer oriented approach offering the following series: Nirvana-80mm; Maximus-70 mm; Alfa-60 mm; Dynamic (Sliding systems); Albatros (Sliding systems); Infinity/Heibesiebe (Sliding systems).
VELIEV LLC is the representative of Pimapen in Azerbaijan.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

VEKA Rus Ltd

Regional Representative for Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan:
Sabuhi Nuriyev

About the company: VEKA Rus is a subsidiary of VEKA AG, one of the world leaders in development and production of window and door systems made of high-quality plastic, as well as folding and roller shutters. All VEKA Group production facilities operate under the constant supervision of the main VEKA AG plant in Sendenhorst, which defines a single quality standard for all enterprises, regardless of the country of production.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

S-ENNA LLC

Founder / Director:
Parviz Zalov

About the company: S-ENNA LLC was established as a company specialized in the installation of elevators and escalators. Our company is an official distributor of HYUNDAI ELEVATOR CO. LTD and performs the supply, installation and maintenance of elevators, escalators, and travelators. Moreover, our professional team also offers services on reconstruction, modernization and technical maintenance of other elevator brands.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

PRO CON IZO

Director:
Elnur Shahbazov

About the company: PRO CON IZO has been providing services since 2011. Insulation systems play an important role at all stages of construction, enabling modern buildings to fully meet our needs for comfort, safety and aesthetics. These systems have a long time performance only when using high technologies and reliable chemical ingredients. Products of companies, which we cooperate with, comply with the world standards, thereby ensuring durability of buildings.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

BILLUR MS LLC

Director:
Ravan Safaraliyev

About the company: BILLUR MS LLC, set out to give guests a sense of satisfaction about our country, has been operating in the field of HoReCa since 2013. In addition to a comprehensive supply of hotel amenities and equipment, the company has also met the needs of more than 700 enterprises from various fields, such as hospitals, SPA&Fitness centers.

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

SILVER MEMBER

Eurodoor LLC

About the company: Start working with us today and you will feel the difference.
Operating since 2013, Eurodoor LLC is the distributor of leading European brands in Azerbaijan. Our company offers customers not only supply, but also delivery, installation and sale. We guarantee the work quality of our professional workers.
Our company is a distributor of the leading brands like BoonEdam, Gilgen, Compact, Faac, Stobich, MKS, Winblock in Azerbaijan.

Director: **Telman Agakishiyev**

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ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

SILVER MEMBER

Bureau19

About the company: Bureau19 was established in 2021 and has ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 45001:2015 certificates for exterior, interior and landscape design. The company is an ATIB member. Noteworthy among our design projects are the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, WHO representative office in Azerbaijan, departments of a number of banks, Azerbaijani railways, dormitories, chain of stores, and offices of large companies.
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Director: **Aygul Karimova**

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TOURISM

SILVER MEMBER

AZE TURİZM

About the company: Founded in 2007 as Nobel Prestige and carrying out activities in textile and tourism sectors, the company has continued operating as 'AZE TURIZM' since 2017. One of its major goals is arranging high level journeys within customers' budget.
In addition to organization of rest and recreation trips, the company also provides services in the field of business, outgoing and inbound tourism.

Chief Executive Officer and Cofounder: **Anna Mammadova**

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SILVER MEMBER

ALEAN COMPANY

About the company: ALEAN COMPANY has been working in the tourism market of Azerbaijan for more than 16 years. A large number of local Azerbaijani travel companies and foreign partners successfully cooperate with us. We have our own online booking system. The main direction of our activity is inoming tourism, outbound tourism, medical tourism, MICE tourism, VIP tourism - that's all of us!

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PRODUCTION & SERVICES

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Sensum By Amapola

About the company: SENSUM is a brand based on a customized approach and new perception of familiar. The scope of our services: Coffee – from production of own roasted coffee to the Academy; Floristry – flowers as a character interpretation; Photo Art – an art of transformation in every photo; Event – organization of events of any scale; Education – a perfect methodology for developing professional skills in the photographic art, coffee industry, and floristry.

Director: **Lala Sharifova**

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HOTELS

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Greymark Hotel

About the company: Greymark hotel was opened in Izmir on April 17, 2018. Since the first day of its establishment, the service quality at the hotel has remained at a consistently high level. Our hotel consists of 54 rooms, a restaurant and a bar-room located on top of the building. The hotel also offers a transfer service from the airport to the hotel and back again, as well as an intercity transfer service.

Director: **Pasha Budaqov**

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Hyatt Regency Baku

About the company: One of the most popular business hotels in the city, Hyatt Regency Baku is a luxury 5 star hotel strategically located close to the main shopping and business areas, as well as the Heydar Aliyev International Airport. With its 159 luxury rooms & suites, Mezzo Restaurant, Armaiti Spa & Fitness Center, Hyatt Regency Baku is a venue for both business and social events, offering variety of meeting, holiday and personalized catering services.

General Manager: **Orkhan Alekberov**

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

HOTELS GROUP

About the company: 'Hotels Group' was established in 2007 and incorporates 5 properties - FLY INN BAKU (Baku, Azerbaijan), SKY INN Guest House (Baku, Azerbaijan), RIVER INN RESORT & SPA (Nabran, Azerbaijan), Tiflis Palace (Tbilisi, Georgia) and Grand Gloria (Batumi, Georgia) - as one of the leading hospitality companies in the region. Years of expertise and our team of professionals provide world-class service and personalized approach to every guest.

General Director: **Nigar Aliyeva**

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HOTELS

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Maricel Astara Resort

About the company: Residential complex Maricel Astara Resort is located in the very center of Astara, by the seashore, next to a beautiful Astara boulevard. Developed infrastructure includes a beach, a pool, a terrace-restaurant, bars, a sports complex, a basketball hall, a children's playground, and a carting. There is a wide selection of immovable property: hotels, apartments, villas. One can also rent an apartment, bought from us, at excellent terms.

Founder:
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MEDICAL CENTER

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Sağlam Ailə Medical Center

About the company: Sağlam Ailə medical center, the country's first laboratory accredited by TURKAK, started operating in 2003 under the motto "We are not a hospital, but a center for Preventive Check-Up". The center holds ISO 9001-2008, ISO 15189:2012 and ISO 10002:2018 certificates to provide laboratory/ambulatory services, and currently has 5 branches operating in Baku, Sumgait, and Ganja.

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Ambiance Med

About the company: The Company builds clinics and furnishes them with necessary equipment. Ambiance Med is an official exclusive distributor of Sole Pharma plant in Latvia, INDIBA plant in Spain and WINBACK plant in South Korea. ETERNITY by ambiance carries out marketing of Solemax Migre and Sirius Soluro forte products, as well as wholesale of fillers from Korea and over the counter creams from Germany.

Director:
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ADVERTISING AGENCY

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Leo Burnett Group Azerbaijan

About the company: Leo Burnett Group Azerbaijan is a full-service advertising agency, representing "Leo Burnett Worldwide" in Azerbaijan.
Leo Burnett Worldwide is one of the world's largest agency networks with 95 offices in 80 countries.
The agency offers a complete range of Branding, Marketing, Communications and Production services and Solutions.

Managing Director:
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ADVERTISING AGENCY

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Gossip Brands Avenue

About the company: Gossip Brands Avenue specializes in development of innovative and unique ideas, materials and strategies of local and foreign brands. With a proven track record of successful campaigns, we have earned the trust of businesses seeking effective marketing solutions. Collaboration is at the core of our approach, as we are ready to work in close partnership with you to work out create and innovative solutions.

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PRINT

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Print Art Plyus LLC

About the company: The center of operational business printing Print Art Plyus LLC has been rapidly and successfully developing in the market of Azerbaijan since 2007. We combine such areas as instant and exclusive printing, large format printing, outdoor and indoor advertising, production of promotional products.
Our mission is to develop in tandem with our customers and partners.

General Director:
Elnara Aliyeva

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

ENVIX PRINT

About the company: Envix Print, created in 2014, along with public and private enterprises offers printing, promo, advertising services to large corporations and customers. From the first day of our activity to this day, we occupy the first place in terms of the quality of services and products, paying special attention to customer satisfaction.

Chief Executive Director:
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PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION

S I L V E R M E M B E R

PRIM

About the company: The main goal of PRIM - "Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Development Center" - is to provide professional assistance to vulnerable population groups of the Azerbaijani society, mainly to assist in the development of children, adolescents, and youth, as well as in their education. Individual consultations, seminars, courses and trainings are held in the center.

General Director:
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SILVER MEMBER

Maestro Company Limited MMM

About the company: Maestro Company carries out deep analysis and audit of your operations and offers best-in-class solutions to you. Our services include organizational and business strategy development, organizational transformation, project management, organizational and individual coaching.
We treat each customer as a team member and always maintain barrier-free communication.
Parent company of Maestro School.

Director:
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SILVER MEMBER

Linguist N LLC

About the company: The language center "Linguist" has been operating since 2010, specializing in language education. In addition to English, we also offer Italian, Russian, Azerbaijani and other language courses.
It is noteworthy that since 2019 the center has been operating as the only local international examination facility presenting CILS – certificate of Italian as a foreign language.

Managing Partner:
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SILVER MEMBER

ELS (E-Learning Solutions)

About the company: ELS is a reliable source for both individuals and organizations who want to achieve the highest learning standards. We provide accredited e-learning CPD courses for those who want to ensure they are on track with the most in-demand industrial qualifications. ELS offers you multi-language, cost-effective, and time-saving content.

Director:
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SILVER MEMBER

RMP

About the company: RMP is a non-profit and non-governmental organization (NGO) established on the basis of public interests and principles of volunteerism. The main goal of the association is to develop business traditions in the country by involving professionals from different industry sectors and support the management of risks in occupational health, safety, environment, quality, and other fields.

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EDUCATION

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Crimson Education

About the company: Crimson Education is a New Zealand international company with 25 offices across the world, helping students gain admission to the world's best universities.
Over the past few years, the company's students received over 4,000 offers from top US and UK universities. Crimson Education offers an integrated training for applicants aiming for bachelors and masters programs.

Business Development Manager: **Sabina Jumazada**

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ACCESSORIES

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Prime Accessories

About the company: For more than 10 years, the network of Prime Accessories stores has been serving its customers in Azerbaijan with a professional team of over 100 people. You can get world-famous brands, beautiful design and high quality watches and silver accessories in our stores. For 10 years we have been offering world-famous watch brands such as Romanson, Timex, Citizen, Hanowa, and Zeppelin with an international warranty. SETTE, a well-known Turkish brand of silver accessories, is the choice of millions of Azerbaijani women. Leather accessories from Guard Istanbul brand have won the sympathy of everyone and suit every taste.

CEO: **Tural Aliyev**

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PREMIUM SOUVENIRS

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Azersuvenir

About the company: "Azersuvenir" LTD under the Affairs Department of the Azerbaijan Republic President was created on the basis of Azerbaijan Jewellery Company according to decision No. 155 affirmed by the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan Republic on July, 24, 2012.
The main activity of the factory is production of various state insignia, anniversary and commemorative medals, breastplates and badges, banners of different countries of the world.The factory also produces handmade high grade silver articles decorated with natural elements and ornaments. All products are individually packed in brand cases made at the factory.

Deputy Director.: **Elvin Alekberov**

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PERFUMERY

S I L V E R M E M B E R

MyParfumes

About the company: Although MyParfumes is a young and start-up company, it has earned the trust of hundreds of customers. The company offers high quality luxury perfumes at the lowest prices. Considering the wishes of valuable customers, we bring to your attention the online store www.myparfumes.az.

Director: **Fuad Karimov**

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RETAIL

S I L V E R M E M B E R

BAZARSTORE

General Director: **Burhan Sevahil**

About the company: In 2011, Azersun Holding created Bazarstore chain. For many years, Bazarstore continues to be the leader of the retail trade in Azerbaijan. Having established the widest geography of service in the country, Bazarstore follows the principles of freshness, quality, variety of products, and also attaches special importance to ensuring convenience and the level of service offered to customers in its chain stores.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Araz supermarket chain

Chairman of the Management Board: **Rashad Ibrahimov**

About the company: Araz supermarket chain was launched on May 7, 2011, aiming at quality service and customer satisfaction. Over the past 12 years, a successful pricing policy, a flexible approach to events happening in the world and in our country have turned the company into a modern retailer that everyone trusts, loves to shop in and work with.

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

OBA Market

Chairman of the Board: **Natavan Ibrahimova**

About the company: OBA Market is an affordable neighbor market chain operating in Azerbaijan.
OBA Market LLC, which is a part of Veyseloglu Group of Companies, entered Azerbaijan's retail market in 2016. The main objective of creating the market chain is to provide customers with the fast moving consumer goods at the most affordable price and high quality. The company sells both local and foreign brand products.

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CAR

S I L V E R M E M B E R

MYCARS

General Director: **Rashad Sadigov**

About the company: MyCars - will help you to buy the car of your dreams! We offer a wide range of cars! You can order your dream car the website mycars.ae from Dubai and receive it within 12-20 days. Also available are cars that you can buy today at the best price! You can find them on our website – mycars.ae.

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BROKER

S I L V E R M E M B E R

MBM BROKER LLC

About the company: MBM BROKER LLC provides services of a customs broker and representative. It is a legal entity dealing with transit issues, acting as a direct customs representative ensuring entry of goods and transport vehicles into a customs area and their departure. MBM BROKER provides comprehensive services during customs clearance of export-import operations on all types of goods and customs procedures.

Director:
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ENTERTAINMENT

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Park Bulvar

About the company: 'Park Bulvar' trade center is located in the seaside park. There are 7 large-screen cinemas, a planetarium, a food court, a children's entertainment center, a bowling hall and a supermarket operating in the trade center with an area of 17,000 square meters. The center has clothing, electronics, accessories stores, perfume shops and a drug-store. Travel company, dry cleaning, tailor and car-wash services are available as well. There is a parking lot for 550 vehicles.

Director:
Ali E. Yüksel

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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Dreamland

About the company: Dreamland is the most modern and elite small town project within Baku city. The town, located a 20-minute drive from Baku, includes premium villas and apartments, a professional 18-hole golf course, a golf academy, 'Sabis Sun' International School, 'Dreamland Qolf' Hotel, restaurants, indoor halls, a Spa center and the largest trampoline hall in Europe.

Director:
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CATERING

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Lunchef Catering Service

About the company: Lunchef Catering Service has been successfully operating since the year 2016 to the present day. Lunchef is providing high quality catering services for government institutions, private companies, boutiques, universities, museums, and private events.
Our services encompass a wide range of professional event organization, including buffet, coffee breaks, official events, presentations, openings, banquets, etc.

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CATERING

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Lux Catering LLC

About the company: We have been offering our customers the most ideal products from October 12, 2022. Since its foundation, the company has been supplying top-quality food products to AMEC and its subsidiaries. Services are also provided to other firms outside AMEC group of companies. We are guaranteeing quality and organic nature of products we supply.

Director:
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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Concept Consulting and Management

About the company: Operating since 2010, Concept Catering delivers daily catering services and arranges all types of corporate events, trainings and special dates for companies, business centers, firms and factories located in Baku and adjacent regions. The Event Box includes a buffet, a Swedish board, a coffee-break, a gala dinner, an appetizers box and a wedding cake. Our goal is to supply our clients with quality, healthy and delicious meals with a tinge of home cooking.

Director:
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S I L V E R M E M B E R

Doydum Catering

About the company: Doydum Catering was established in 1994. Doydum Catering is offering quality services to organizations, the country's citizens and guests in the following directions: Corporate catering; Servicing of business and corporate events; Corporate sales of freshly cooked meals; Catering kitchen – mobile catering on your site – all trends rapidly gaining popularity.

General Director:
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ENERGY

S I L V E R M E M B E R

TOTALENERGIES

About the company: TotalEnergies has been present in Azerbaijan since 1996, where it owns a 35% stake in the Absheron gas and condensate field and holds a 5% stake in the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline. The Absheron gas and condensate field is located in the Caspian Sea 100 km southeast of Baku.

Country Chair and Managing Director:
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AGROCHEMICAL

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Ground Improver Azerbaijan

About the company: Ground Improver Azerbaijan is an Azerbaijani company providing agrochemical and agrotechnical services. Our company is the exclusive distributor of the Rescaype® product considered unique in the world for soil improvement and prevention of soil salinization/degradation. Products and services are offered to all parties, from government agencies, large agricultural companies to small farmers.

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ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS

S I L V E R M E M B E R

Grandtek LLC

About the company: Grandtek LLC has been importing LED lighting systems into Azerbaijan since 2008. From 2013, our company started introducing its products under its own trademark, Ecolife™.
The company earned the trust of many large local companies such as "Avrora Group" LLC, "Baku Electronics" LLC, "Kontakt Home" LLC by providing high-level service and excellent product quality.

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