

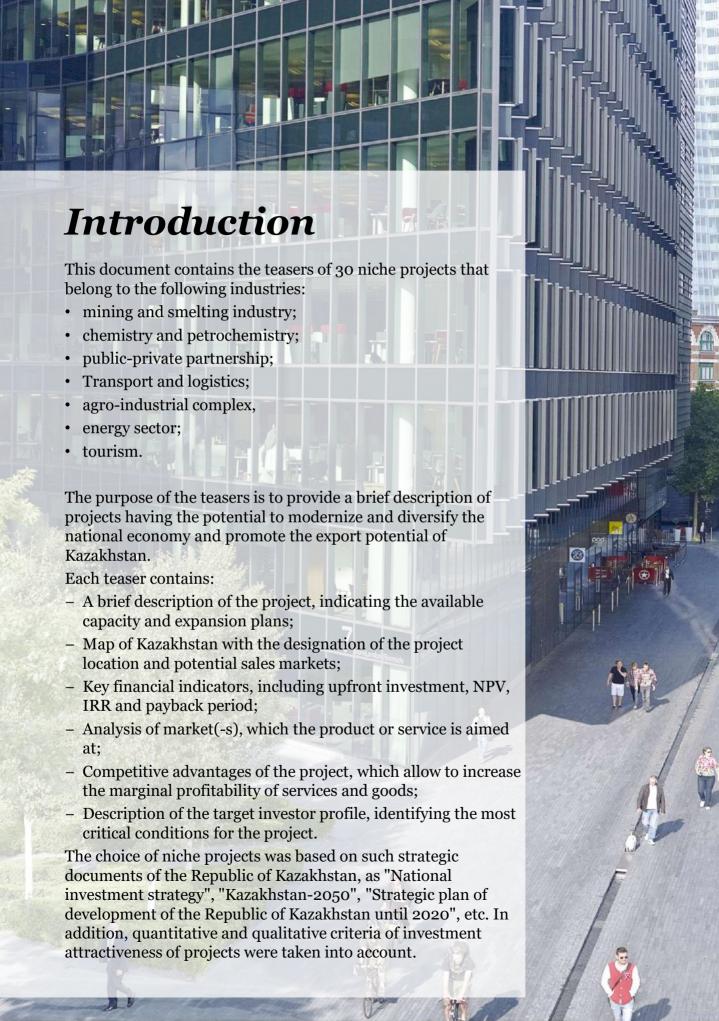
## The list of priority projects

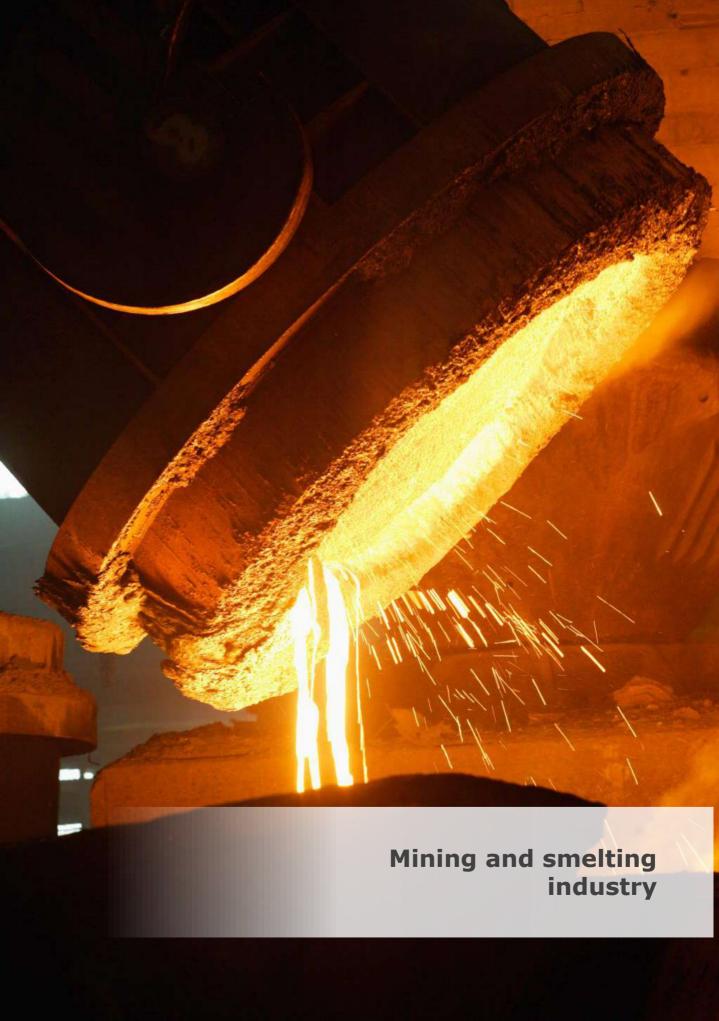
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# Mining and smelting industry

Mining and smelting industry is the basis for industrialization of the national economy. 30% of the world's chrome ore reserves, 25% of manganese ores, 10% of iron ores are concentrated in Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan reserves of copper, lead and zinc amount to 10% and 13% of the world reserves, respectively. Out of the 118 elements of the periodic table, 99 were revealed in Kazakhstan, 70 elements have explored reserves, and more than 60 elements are involved in production.

Mining is one of the most socially important branches of the economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on which development of regions, cities and towns, growth of jobs, as well as social, industrial and transport infrastructure are dependent. Development and processing of mineral resources in long term will remain an important source of economic growth.

Large mining and smelting enterprises of the republic are mainly focused on production of primary metals. Most of their products are exported, while domestic market receives about 20%. A structure of production is dominated by raw materials and semi-finished products, which are processed abroad and re-imported into Kazakhstan in the form of finished products.

Based on results of the industry overview, investment niches of ferrous and nonferrous metallurgy were selected - development of copper, iron ore and gold deposits.

It should also be noted that activities of mining and smelting enterprises were included in the list of priority investment directions in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Accordingly, it is assumed that these projects will receive support from the state along the entire production chain.

### Construction of Tymlai Mining, Chemical and Metallurgical Complex

### **Project description:**

Construction of a mining, chemical and metallurgical complex for the production of derivative products from processing of titanium magnetite ores. The complex consists of two production facilities: a mining and processing plant at the Tymlai ore field and a chemical and metallurgical plant in the SEZ Paylodar.

#### **Production volume:**

1) Titanium dioxide - 601 thousand tonnes per year; 2) Special steel - 1956 thousand tonnes per year; 3) Silicon dioxide - 76 thousand tonnes per year.

Products: 1) titanium dioxide pigment; 2) special steel grades; 3) silicon dioxide;

**Initiator:** TENIR-Logistic LLP

Location: Zhambyl Region, Kordai District: SEZ

Pavlodar

Potential customers: Kazakhstan, nearby

countries

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Market prerequisites:

able demand. High historical production growth rates and strategic importance for the further development of industries using steel and titanium dioxide as raw materials create a steady demand for the products produced within the Project.

Import substitution and export. The lack of production of titanium dioxide in Kazakhstan, and a small amount of production in the CIS, creates prospects for sales. Regarding alloyed types of steel. the volume of imports for the last 5 years were in average 828 thousand tonnes in the Russian Federation and 2,627 thousand tonnes per year in the PRC. Moreover, currently there are forward contracts for the supply of special types of steels being already signed.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Indicator                            | Result    |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Project implementation period, years | 29        |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 7         |
| operating stage, years               | 26        |
| Investment amount, \$US thousands    | 2,585,904 |
| Project NPV, \$US thousands          | 5,465,840 |
| IRR, %                               | 46.4%     |
| EBITDA margin, %                     | 57%       |
| Payback period, years                | 7.5       |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 8.1       |

### **Project profitability**



EBITDA margin, % Revenue, US\$ mln

### Location of project implementation: Kordai district of Zhambyl region; SEZ Pavlodar



### Ore field reserves

| Name of the ore        | Industrial reserves (mln tonnes) |     | Prognosed resources (min tonnes) |     |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| deposit                | C1                               | C2  | P1                               | P2  |
| Tymlai                 | 226                              |     |                                  |     |
| Sarysai                | 100                              | 60  | 44                               |     |
| Akdala (South)         | 70                               | 40  | 20                               |     |
| Akdala (North)         | -                                | -   | 30                               | 229 |
| Akterek                | -                                | -   | 10                               | 47  |
| Total:                 | 396                              | 100 | 104                              | 276 |
| Total C1+C2+<br>+P1+P2 |                                  | 8   | 76                               |     |

# Development of iron ore deposits in Chumekskaya field in the East Kazakhstan Oblast

### **Project description:**

The project involves completion of exploration works at the Chumekskaya iron ore field in East Kazakhstan Oblast, with subsequent extraction and sale of iron-bearing ores.

### Commercial product and annual volume of production:

iron ore - 5,691 thousands tonnes

Based on preliminary research data, the given ore deposits stand out for the high quality and compliance with the most stringent technological requirements of metallurgical enterprises. This means that there is no need for additional technological processing. After extraction and ore-preparation, the ore will be ready for sale.

**Initiator:** Lacus Mining LLP

**Location:** Kurchumsky district, East Kazakhstan Oblast

**Consumer market**: ferrous metal processing plants of China and Kazakhstan.

**Key investment indicators** 

| Index                                 | Results |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years  | 36      |
| Including the investment stage, years | 6       |
| Operational stage, years              | 30      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands            | 816,792 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands           | 242,629 |
| IRR, %                                | 19.2%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                     | 54%     |
| Payback period, years                 | 9.9     |
| Discounted payback period, years      | 14.0    |

### Project location: Kurchumsky district, East Kazakhstan Oblast



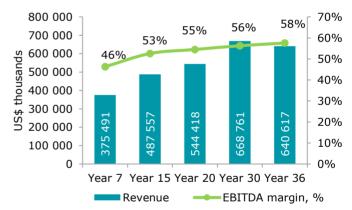
### Market prerequisites:

**High demand.** Demand for iron ore, primarily due to the demand for steel, directly reflects the development trends of the world economy. According to estimates from

The Economist Intelligence Unit («EIU»), in the foreseeable future, steel production will grow by 4% in 2019 amounting to 1692 million tonnes.

**Export potential.** Since the production of iron ore in the country fully provides domestic demand for this product, the main share of pellets and concentrate, produced in the republic, is supplied beyond its limits. At the same time, the key sales markets (90%-99% are in Russia and China. Being the largest producers of iron ore, China and Russia are also considered as the world's largest consumers and imports, since these countries occupy a leading position in the production of steel all over the world. In 2017 total annual imports of iron ore of China and Russia amounted to 1084 million tonnes.

### **Project Profitability**



### **Proprietary estimation of field reserves**

| Type of reserves            | Ore,<br>million<br>tonnes | Iron<br>content, % |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Martite, magnetite ores     | 179                       | 62.5               |
| Disseminated mineralization | 317                       | 62.5               |

Reserves were estimated according to National Recourses Committee standards on the basis of geophysical works carried out in 2017 and historical exploration data from 1965. A report on geophysical works at Chumekskoye field was prepared by ITSETI LLP (TOO ИЦЭТИ) in November 2017.

# Steel production at the Velikhovskoye deposit in Aktobe Oblast

### **Project Description:**

The project provides for the construction of a complex for the production of steel, through the beneficiation and processing of iron-bearing ores at the Velikhovskoye Yuzhnoye deposit in the Aktobe region.

### Raw materials:

Low alloy construction steel, carbon construction steel, quality carbon construction steel

Initiator: Aktobe-Temir-VS Subsidiary, JSC Location: Kargalinsky district, Aktobe oblast Potential markets: Kazakhstan, Russia, China

### Market prerequisites:

**Steady demand for steel.** High rates of historical production growth and the strategic importance of further development of industries using steel as raw materials create a stable demand for the products that the project is going to produce.

**Further growth in demand for steel.** According to the forecasts of the International Steel Association, the global volume of demand for steel and steel products will increase by 1.8% and 0.7% in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

**Potential for import substitution and export of steel.** The existence of the trade deficit over the past few years shows a good potential for import substitution and the availability of stable demand for steel on the domestic market of Kazakhstan. Also, due to the geographical proximity of large world steel consumers such as Russia and China, there is good export potential for the supply of products to these countries.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                            | Results |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Investment, US\$ thousands       | 550,727 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands      | 421,198 |
| IRR, %                           | 25.9%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                | 38%     |
| Payback period, years            | 6.8     |
| Discounted payback period, years | 8.8     |

### **Project Profitability**



### Project location: Kargalinsky district, Aktobe Oblast



### **Estimation of resources according to JORC**

| Туре                                     | Category | Cut-off grade | tonnage     | Average<br>Content<br>Fe (%) |
|--|----------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Magnetite<br>resources,<br>ore body – I  | Measured | 16            | 112,851,680 | 20.91                        |
| Martite resources <30% Fe                | Measured | 16            | 4,455,263   | 20.86                        |
| Magnetite<br>resources,<br>ore body – I  | Inferred | 16            | 344,762,786 | 20.02                        |
| Magnetite<br>resources,<br>ore body – II | Inferred | 16            | 9,829,786   | 20.18                        |
| Martite resources <30% Fe                | Inferred | 16            | 17,570,097  | 19.59                        |
| Martite resources >30% Fe                | Inferred | 20            | 4,991,815   | 41.00                        |
| Total                                    | -        | -             | 494,461,430 | 20.43                        |

Report on the Mineral Resources of the Velikhovskoye South deposit in accordance with the JORC Code for February 2, 2012



Construction of the mining and metallurgical facility to mine and process tin ores

### **Project description:**

construction of the mining and metallurgical facility to process 2 mln tonnes of ore at the Syrymbet deposit ("Project").

**Processing capacity:** 2 mln tonnes of ore a year Raw materials: tin, copper and fluorite ore **Production:** 

### Main products:

- 1) Tin concentrate an average of 3,500 tons of tin in concentrate per year; 2) Tin sublimates - an average of 4,900 tons of tin in concentrate per year. By-products:
- 1) Copper concentrate an average of 2,000 tons of copper in concentrate per year; 2) Fluorite concentrate - an average of 173,000 tons of fluorite in stabilization of the world economy. concentrate per year

**Initiator:** Tin One Mining JSC is operating based on a 30-year subsoil use license in Kazakhstan dated Sept. 23, 1998 (5 yrs of exploration and 25 yrs of mining)

Location: North-Kazakhstan Oblast

Sales market: Kazakhstan, China, Russia Key investment indicators

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|--|---------|--|--|
| Indicator  | Result  |  |  |
| Project implementation period, years                                 | 15      |  |  |
| incl. investment stage, years  | 2       |  |  |
| operational stage, years   | 13      |  |  |
| Investment, US\$ thousands   | 285,136 |  |  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands  | 380,017 |  |  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands (without accounting for tax preferences) | 276,642 |  |  |
| IRR, %   | 41.2%   |  |  |
| EBITDA return, %   | 51%     |  |  |
| Payback period, years  | 4.7     |  |  |
| Discounted payback period, years                                     | 5.3     |  |  |
|  |         |  |  |

**Project implementation location:** North-Kazakhstan Oblast



### Market prerequisites:

Available raw materials base - The Syrymbet deposit is Kazakhstan's only and world's biggest undeveloped deposit of explored and classified tin reserves, according to the 2012 JORC Code.

Import substitution and potential export - Tin is not produced in Kazakhstan, and the country is totally dependent on imports. Tin is imported from Indonesia, Russia, Belgium, Poland and China, The latter is the largest tin consumer and accounts for 48% of the overall import of tin products in the world.

Rise in prices and demand - The world prices for tin and tin concentrate are currently rising due to the increasing demand for this product as a result of

#### 74% 350 80% 68% 57% 70% 300 54% 51% 60% 250 50% 200 40% 150 30% 16% 100 20% 50 10% n 0% Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Year 7 Year

Revenue, US\$ mln

EBITDA margin, %

15

### **Deposit reserves**

**Project profitability** 

| Category  | Ore,<br>thousand<br>tonnes | Tin, % | Tin,<br>tonnes |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Measured  | 46,552                     | 0.46%  | 214,139        |
| Indicated | 9,164                      | 0.33%  | 30,241         |
| Probable  | 68,945                     | 0.37%  | 256,632        |
| Total     | 124,661                    | 0.40%  | 501,012        |

# Development of Batalinskoye and Krasnoarmeyskoye copper ore deposits

### **Project description:**

The Project involves construction of copper ore beneficiation industrial plant at Batalinskoye and Krasnoarmeyskoye deposits that are located in Kostanay Oblast.

**Product:** copper concentrate (incl. subsequent processing at Kazzinc LLP's plant in Ust-Kamenogorsk Oblast, which will then be sold to end customers).

Initiator: Mystau LLP.

**Location:** Denisovsky district, Kostanay Oblast. **Potential markets:** non-ferrous metal processing

plants in CIS, China and Europe.

### Key investment indicators of the Project

| Indicator                            | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 17      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 2       |
| operational stage, years             | 15      |
| Investment amount, US\$ thousands    | 298,600 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 163,693 |
| IRR, %                               | 22.5%   |
| EBITDA margin, %                     | 31-53%  |
| Payback period, years                | 7.9     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 10.3    |

### Project location: Denisovsky district, Kostanay Oblast



#### Market conditions:

**Large copper reserves.** Kazakhstan holds the 6th place in the world for its copper reserves of 36.6 million tonnes, which accounts for 4.7% of global reserves.

**High demand.** It is expected that refined copper demand will have a constant growth for the following years because copper is the major factor in economic activity and modern technological society. The expected demand growth for the refined copper will reach 2.99% in 2018 and 2.15% in 2019.

**Price growth**. Global market prices for refined copper demonstrate increasing dynamics related to increased demand for that product as a result of global economic stabilization. According to the forecasts, a moderate increase in copper prices is expected during the following years: 2020 – US\$ 6833, 2021 – US\$ 6849 per tonne.

**Export potential.** The trade deficit in products such as copper sheets, strips and tapes indicates the import substitution potential. Also, Kazakhstan has an opportunity to increase its exports to China and neighbor countries.

### **Project profitability**



### **Deposit reserves**

| Indicator        | Unit          | Balance<br>reserves by<br>C2 category |  |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Batalinskoye     |               |                                       |  |
| Copper           | thous. Tonnes | 561.7                                 |  |
| Ore              | thous. Tonnes | 130,899.7                             |  |
| Content          | %             | 0.43-0.45                             |  |
| Krasnoarmeyskoye |               |                                       |  |
| Copper           | thous. Tonnes | 203.9                                 |  |
| Ore              | thous. tonnes | 85,050.20                             |  |
| Content          | %             | 0.24                                  |  |
|                  |               |                                       |  |

### **Extraction and processing of** coking coal from Samarskove deposit

### **Project description**

This investment project (the "Project") involves construction of a complex for extracting and processing of coking coal from Samarskoye deposit in Karaganda Oblast.

### **Project initiator**

Valdisere Mining LLP

### **Production and average annual output:**

- concentrate of "gas fat" and "fat" types of coking coals (semi-soft coking coals) - 2686 thousand tonnes
- concentrate of grade "coking fat" and "coking" coking coals (hard coking coal) - 1133 thousand
- energy coal 955 thousand tons
- By-product (low quality coal) 637 thousand tons

Project location: Nurinsky district, Karaganda Oblast

Consumer markets: Kazakhstan, China, Russia

#### Market prerequisites:

Potential for exporting - In Russia there is a shortage of "K" type high quality coal (20% of the planned output at Samarsrove deposit). In China, a policy is being implemented to reduce coal production. These factors suggest an existence of opportunity for exporting to those markets.

**Constantly growing prices.** Recently, the market has seen an increase in prices for both coal and products processed from it (namely a coal coke as a result of higher prices for coking coal). In the period of 2013-2017, the average increase in producer prices for coal and brown coal was 12% and 5%. respectively.

High market demand. Constantly developing industrial sector dictates the need for everincreasing supply of quality raw materials for the production of coke.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Indicator                        | Result  |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Investment amount, US\$ thous.   | 438,276 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thous.         | 590,665 |
| IRR, %                           | 31.08%  |
| EBITDA margin, %                 | 55%     |
| Payback period, years            | 6.32    |
| Discounted payback period, years | 7.51    |

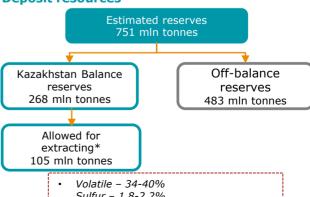
### **Project location: Nurinsky district, Karaganda Oblast**



\*permission for extracting the rest of balance reserves can be obtained without difficulties

#### **Project profitability** 47% 47% 51% 51% 55% 57% 60% 1 200 1 000 50% millions 34% 33% 800 40% 30% 600 400 20% 200 10% n ი% Year Year Year Year Year Year Year 9 7 8 10 11 12 18 24 Revenue, US\$ mln EBITDA Margin, %

### **Deposit resources**



- Sulfur 1,8-2,2%
- Phosphorus 0,03-0,06%
- A, % 9%
- Y, mm 22

# Development of Alaigyr lead-silver deposit

### **Project description:**

This investment project provides for the exploitation and development of Alaigyr lead-silver deposit ("Project").

#### Raw material:

lead-silver ores

#### **Product:**

Concentrate containing:

- Lead about 30 thousand tonnes per year
- · Silver about 13 thousand kilograms per year

### **Initiator:**

National Company Tau-Ken Samruk JSC, which specializes in exploration, development, production, processing and sale of solid minerals. Project's operator -Alaigyr LLP.

#### Location:

Karaganda Oblast, on the border between Shetsky and Karkaralinsky districts

#### **Potential market:**

Domestic market, KazZinc LLP

### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                                | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 25      |
| including investment period, years   | 2       |
| operation period, years              | 23      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 177,962 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 49,002  |
| IRR, %                               | 19.9%   |
| EBITDA return, %                     | 43%     |
| Payback period, years                | 7.3     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 12.5    |

### **Project implementation location: Karaganda Oblast**



### Market prerequisites:

**Growing demand.** According to BMI Research, the world primary market of lead will experience shortfall by 2019 amid gradual supply cuts: lead consumption will exceed its production by 10 thousand tonnes in 2019. According to the Silver Institute, the last five years are characterised by a global silver shortfall; in 2017, this index reached 35 mln ounces (810 tonnes). The metal mining declined (a 4% fall in 2017).

**Import substitution.** Although the lead and leadore production consistently increased over the past few years, the country's market was met by 46% only. Metal production in the domestic market amounted to 112 thousand tonnes in 2017, while its consumption was 245 thousand tonnes.

### **Project profitability**



### **Deposit reserves approved by Kazakhstan State Reserves Committee**

| Category | Ore,      | Grade |            | Amo        | unt     |
|----------|-----------|-------|------------|------------|---------|
|          | of tonnes | Pb, % | Ag,<br>g/t | Pb, tonnes | Ag, kg  |
| C1       | 13,160    | 5.69  | 27.6       | 784,500    | 362,600 |
| C2       | 5,358     | 4.70  | 22.4       | 251,700    | 120,200 |
| Total    | 18,518    | 5.60  | 26.1       | 1,036,200  | 482,800 |

### Production and processing of rare-metal ore at the Drozhilov field

### **Project description:**

Produce and process rare-metal ore at the Drozhilov field in Kostanai Oblast

### Commercial product and production output for the entire Project period:

- lithium concentrate 2,490 thousand tonnes (lithium – 149 thousand tonnes)
- molybdenum trioxide 176.6 thousand tonnes (molybdenum – 118.3 thousand tonnes)
- artificial scheelite 62.26 thousand tonnes (tungsten trioxide – 48.6 thousand tonnes)

**Initiator:** JV Kazakhstan-Russian Ore Company LLP has a contract in place to explore and produce molybdenum and tungsten at the Drozhilov field

**Project implementation location:** Kostanai Oblast, Denisov District

Potential markets: Russia, China

### Market prerequisites:

**Growing demand for rare metals.** Over the next decade, global demand for tungsten is predicted to increase as its use is strongly linked to the development of the processing industry and vehicle production. Lithium consumption in battery production has increased significantly in recent years as rechargeable lithium batteries are being used more and more often in portable electronic devices and electric car batteries.

**Rising metal prices.** In the last three years, the lithium oxide price has increased 2.5 times due to growing demand. Average prices for molybdenum trioxide grew 20% in the same period. Prices for tungsten derivatives are currently growing. The lack of available financing and low metal content in ore limit supply and act a stimulus for further rare-metal price rises.

**Raw materials base.** Kazakhstan has the highest tungsten reserves in the world (63% of global reserves). It also has significant molybdenum and lithium reserves.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                                 | Results |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years  | 26      |
| including the investment stage, years | 1       |
| operational stage, years              | 25      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands            | 88,556  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands           | 332,269 |
| IRR, %                                | 46.6%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                     | 30%     |
| Payback period, years                 | 6.6     |
| Discounted payback period, years      | 7.0     |

### **Project economics**



### **Project location: Kostanai Oblast**



### **Drozhilov field reserves**

|                 | Reser-<br>ves, | Metals, thousand tonnes |      | Content, % |      |      |      |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|------|------------|------|------|------|
|                 | min<br>tonnes  | Мо                      | w    | Li         | Мо   | w    | Li   |
| Pro-<br>ven     | 140            | 26<br>3                 | 64.3 |            | 0.19 | 0.05 |      |
| Calcu-<br>lated | 131            | 78                      | 88.3 | 121        | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.45 |
| Esti-<br>mated  | 300            | 15<br>0                 | 150  | -          | 0.05 | 0.05 |      |

### Development of tungsten ores of the Koktenkol deposit

### **Project Description**

Development of tungsten ores at the Intermediate section of the Koktenkol deposit (Project)

### **Project Initiator**

Dala Mining LLP is a private Kazakhstani company that is the copyright holder of the Contract for the development of tungsten and tungstenmolybdenum ores of the Koktenkol deposit.

### Output and average annual capacity:

- ammonium paratungstate (APT) 3,000 tonnes
- · molybdenum oxide 600 tonnes
- · copper hydroxide 300 tonnes

**Manufacturing process:** well in-situ leaching (ISL) using oxalic and hydrochloric acids.

Location: Karaganda oblast, Shetsky district

Sales market: Germany, Japan

### **Market prerequisites:**

**Availability of raw materials** – The spatial isolation of the tungsten and molybdenum mineralization of the Koktenkol deposit allows you to organize the primary mining of shallow-lying tungsten ores of the Intermediate section.

**Export potential** – In 2017, world imports of tungstates amounted to 11,049 tonnes. The main buyers of ammonium paratungstate in the international market are the USA, Germany and Japan. The development of the automotive and mining industries in these countries opens up prospects for the supply of products.

**Growing demand** – Over the next 10 years, global demand for tungsten is projected to increase from 72,552 tonnes to 121,679 tonnes (CAGR 5.3%). The growth in demand for tungsten is closely related to the development of the manufacturing industry and the production of automobiles.

### **Kev investment indicators**

| Result |
|--------|
| 36     |
| 2      |
| 34     |
| 77,769 |
| 89,425 |
| 26.5%  |
| 25%    |
| 7.9    |
| 9.3    |
|        |

### **Project profitability**



Project location: Karaganda Oblast



Summary of molybdenum mineralization resources at the Intermediate Koktenkol site for on-board content of 0.04% Mo according to the JORC 2012

| Category  | Tonnage,<br>mln tonnes | Mo, % | W,%   |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Measured  | 26.6                   | 0.067 | 0.016 |
| Indicated | 101.04                 | 0.064 | 0.014 |
| Probable  | 16                     | 0.079 | 0.008 |
| Total     | 143.63                 | 0.064 | 0.014 |

### **Project description:**

Mining and processing of rare-metal ores from South Zhaur deposit in Karaganda Oblast.

#### **Products:**

- · 57% concentrate of tungsten trioxide
- 50% concentrate of molybdenum

### **Production process:**

- Open-pit
- Sulphide-scheelite flotation, including grinding in one stage, sulphide flotation and scheelite flotation.

### **Maximum processing capacity:**

4,000 thousand tonnes of commodity ore per annum.

Initiator: JV Saryarka Tungsten LLP.

**Location:** Karaganda Oblast, Shetsky district **Project implementation period:** 35 years

### Market conditions:

**Raw material base** – Kazakhstan holds the 6th place in the world for its tungsten reserves of 2 million tonnes, which accounts for 63% of global reserves. Availability of significant molybdenum reserves (160 thousand tonnes) in Kazakhstan opens up a potential for reviving the molybdenum mining industry in the future.

**Metal price growth** – The lack of readily available financing and low metal content in the ore deposits are the main reasons for the limited supply of metal in the market, which in the future, may serve as an incentive for further price increases for tungsten and molybdenum.

**Growing demand** – According to the forecasts, over the next 10 years, global demand for tungsten will increase from 72,552 to 121,679 tonnes (5.3% CAGR). The development of the steel industry affects the growing demand for molybdenum. In the long term it is expected that the growth rate of demand for this metal will be equal to 3.6% per annum until 2024.

### **Key investment indicators of the Project**

| Indicator                            | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 35      |
| Incl. Investment stage, years        | 2       |
| Operational stage, years             | 33      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 70,942  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 173,323 |
| IRR, %                               | 32.7%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                    | 49%     |
| Payback period, years                | 5.4     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 6.7     |
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### **Project profitability**



### Project location: Karaganda Oblast



### South Zhaur deposit reserves (JORC)

| Indicator            | Balance reserves by C2 category |       |  |  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Indicator            | Quantity, tonnes                |       |  |  |
| Ore                  | 122,189,700                     |       |  |  |
| Tungsten<br>trioxide | 198,953                         | 0.163 |  |  |
| Molybdenum           | 13,062                          | 0.010 |  |  |
| Bismuth              | 6,408                           | 0.005 |  |  |

# Extraction and processing of gold-bearing ores at Shokpar and Gagarin deposits

### **Project description:**

Extraction and processing of gold-bearing ores of the Shokpar and Gagarin deposits (the "Project") **Commercial product:** bulk concentrates of gold and silver.

**Output capacity:** 17,531 kg of gold and 90,764 kg of silver over the whole project operating period.

**Production process:** *Mining* – open-pit and underground; *Processing* – direct collective flotation

**Project implementation period:** 14 years, incl. the development of deposits in the meantime.

#### **Initiator:**

Tau-Ken Samruk National Mining Company LLP – national operator of mining assets in Kazakhstan, which has a priority right to acquire a license for exploration and extraction of mineral resources.

**Project implementation location:** Zhambyl Oblast

Potential markets: Kazakhstan

### Market prerequisites:

**Raw materials availability** – Low COGS is achieved due to the availability of own cheap raw materials base. Kazakhstan holds the 6th place in the world for the amount of its explored gold reserves. Silver reserves in Kazakhstan are discovered in more than 100 ore fieds.

**Export potential** – Taking into account the fact that 24% of the global demand for gold comes from China, Kazakhstan has a huge export potential. Kazakhstan has exported 4,500 tonnes of gold-bearing ore to China in 2017. Also, one of the other main importers of Kazakhstan gold is Russia, which has imported 7,349 tonnes of gold-bearing ore in 2017.

In addition, China and Russia are among the top 10 silver importing countries as of 2017.

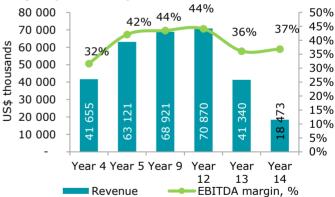
### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                                | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 14      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 2       |
| operational stage, years             | 12      |
| Investment amount, US\$ thousands    | 63,346  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 37,391  |
| IRR, %                               | 21.1%   |
| EBITDA margin, %                     | 42%     |
| Payback period, years                | 6.1     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 7.6     |

### **Project location: Zhambyl Oblast**



### **Project profitability**



### **Shokpar field reserves and resources**

|        | Reserves                      | Resources                   |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|        | C2                            | P1                          |
| Ore    | 2,105 thous. tonnes           | 2,121.8 thous. tonnes       |
| Gold   | 15,151.8 kg (7.2<br>g/tonne)  | 15,600 kg (7.4<br>g/tonne)  |
| Silver | 89.7 tonnes (42.6<br>g/tonne) | 78.6 tonnes (37<br>g/tonne) |

### **Gagarin field reserves and resources**

|        | Reserves                   |
|--------|----------------------------|
|        | C2                         |
| Ore    | 1,659.6 thous. tonnes      |
| Gold   | 9,430.3 kg (5.7 g/tonne)   |
| Silver | 85.4 tonnes (51.5 g/tonne) |
|        |                            |

### Production and processing of gold and silver ores at Kumysti deposits area

### **Project description:**

Extraction and processing of gold and silver ores at Kumysti filed (the "Project")

Commercial products: gold and silver concentrates

### **Output capacity:**

640 kg of gold and 3.9 tonnes of silver per annum

**Project implementation period:** 11 years

**Initiator:** Central Asia Mining Co LLP. The company explores alluvial gold in Kumysti area.

**Project implementation location:** Turkestan Oblast, Suzaksky district

**Potential markets**: The concentrate will be processed at production facilities of KazTsink LLP and Tau-Ken Altyn LLP with subsequent sale of the final product to these companies or to other consumers.

### Market prerequisites:

**Raw materials availability** – Low COGS is achieved due to the availability of own cheap raw materials base. Kazakhstan holds the 6th place in the world for the amount of its explored gold reserves. Silver reserves in Kazakhstan are discovered in more than 100 ore fieds.

**Export potential** – Taking into account the fact that 24% of the global demand for gold comes from China, Kazakhstan has a huge export potential. Kazakhstan has exported 4,500 tonnes of gold-bearing ore to China in 2017. Also, one of the other main importers of Kazakhstan gold is Russia, which has imported 7,349 tonnes of gold-bearing ore in 2017.

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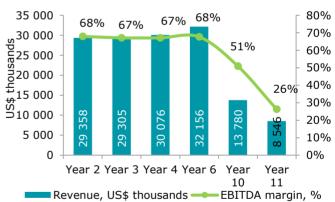
### **Key investment indicators**

| Results |
|---------|
| 11      |
| 1       |
| 10      |
| 41,775  |
| 34,852  |
| 41.7%   |
| 60.1%   |
| 3.6     |
| 4.2     |
|         |

### Project location: Turkestan Oblast, Suzaksky district



### **Project profitability**



### **Kumysti field reserves**

| Name of the deposit (ore occurrence) | Gold<br>reserves,<br>kg. | Silver<br>reserves, kg. | Category |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Mynshukur (aaluvial)                 | 309.8                    | 619.6                   | C1       |
| Altyntau (hard-rock)                 | 320                      | 960                     | P1       |
| Terbakty (hard-rock)                 | 770                      | 2,310                   | P2       |
| Aktobe (hard-rock)                   | 2,000                    | 6,000                   | P2       |
| Shovan (hard-rock)                   | 359                      | 2,154                   | C1+C2    |
| Zholbarysty (hard-<br>rock)          | 835                      | 5,010                   | C1+C2    |
| Kelinshektau (hard-<br>rock)         | 2,205                    | 13,230                  | C1+C2    |
| Verhne-Kumysti (hard-<br>rock)       | 879.4                    | 5,276.4                 | C1+C2    |
| Nizhne-Kumysti (hard-<br>rock)       | 875.3                    | 5,251.8                 | C1+C2    |

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### **Project description:**

The Project considers the construction of copper ore processing industrial plant which will be targeted towards cathode copper production with a capacity of 5000 tonnes per year.

**Product:** cathode copper (pure copper of no less than 99,99%).

Capacity: 5000 tonnes of cathode copper per year. Production process:

extraction - open-pit;

processing – flotation and heap leaching, and SX-EW.

Initiator: AK Minerals LLP – the owner of the exclusive copper processing right at Ai-Karaaul. Location: East-Kazakhstan Oblast. The Plant will be located in Urjar District, 40 km. away from Ayagoz town, and relatively close to the Ai-Karaaul deposit.

Potential markets: Kazakhstan, Russia and China.

### **Market conditions:**

**Large copper reserves.** Kazakhstan holds the 6th place in the world for its copper reserves of 36,6 million tonnes, which accounts for 4,7% of global reserves.

**High demand.** It is expected that refined copper demand will have a constant growth for the following years because copper is the major factor in economic activity and modern technological society. The expected demand growth for the refined copper will reach 2.99% in 2018 and 2.15% in 2019.

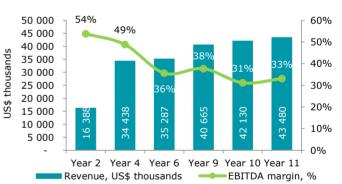
**Price growth**. Global market prices for refined copper demonstrate increasing dynamics related to increased demand for that product as a result of global economic stabilization. According to the forecasts, a moderate increase in copper prices is expected during the following years: 2020 – US\$ 6997, 2021 – US\$ 7250 per tonne.

**Export potential.** The trade deficit in products such as copper sheets, strips and tapes indicates the import substitution potential. Also, Kazakhstan has an opportunity to increase its exports to China and neighbor countries.

### **Key investment indicators of the Project**

| Indicator                            | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 11      |
| Incl. Investment stage, years        | 1       |
| Operational stage, years             | 10      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 25,643  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 24,396  |
| IRR, %                               | 45,6%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                    | 41%     |
| Payback period, years                | 3.9     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 4.4     |

### **Project profitability**



### Project location: East-Kazakhstan Oblast



# Ai-Karaaul deposit reserves (The Report of Interregional Commission on reserves "Vostkazedra"

| Indicator                     | Open-pit mining  Oxide ore  Sulphide ores |       | ground<br>mining |
|-------------------------------|---|-------|------------------|
| _                             |   |       | Sulphide ores    |
| Copper,<br>thousand<br>tonnes | 17.79                                     | 23.75 | 16.92            |
| Copper content, %             | 1.48                                      | 1.89  | 1.56             |
| Silver, tonnes                | 2.6                                       | 8.8   | 6.9              |
| Content,<br>g/tonne           | 2.21                                      | 7.01  | 6.42             |



### **Project description:**

The project considers additional exploration and construction of an industrial plant for extraction and beneficiation of gold and polymetallic ores at Mayatas ore field in Kostanay Oblast.

### Commercial products and average annual output:

Processing of 700 thousand tonnes of ore per year (containing gold and lead). Concentrates are planned to be processed at the production facilities of Kazzinc LLP (and at other plants) with subsequent sale of the final product in the domestic and foreign markets.

**Initiator:** Mayatas LLP (100% subsidiary organization of KazLead LLP).

**Project implementation location:** Arkalyk district, Kostanay region

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Index                                | Results |
| Project implementation period, years | 13      |
| incl. the investment stage, years    | 5       |
| operational stage, years             | 8       |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 21,581  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 66,103  |
| IRR, %                               | 215.8%  |
| EBITDA returns, %                    | 56%     |
| Payback period, years                | 2.6     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 2.7     |

### **Project location: Arkalyk district, Kostanay** region



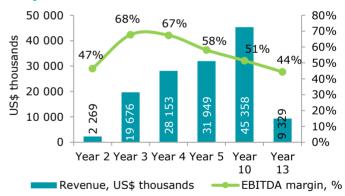
### Market prerequisites:

**High and stable demand**. Global gold consumption level remains stable and high. It is widely used in various technologies and jewelry, and it is used as a currency back-up. Also, according to industry forecasts, global lead consumption will exceed production volumes by 10,000 tonnes in 2019 because of constant supply cuts.

Import substitution. Industry analysis shows that the production capacity in Kazakhstan does not cover the domestic demand for gold. Average annual growth in imports of gold ore in the period from 2010 to 2014 was equal to 93%. Also, despite the observed stable growth in the volumes of lead and lead ore production over the past few years in Kazakhstan, the level of market demand covered by domestic production was only equal to 46%.

**Export potential.** Today, China is the main importer of lead ores and concentrates from Kazakhstan. In 2016, China has imported a record amount of metal from Kazakhstan – 51,595 tonnes.

### **Project economics**



### Mayatas field reserves

| Fields     | Ore      | Content   | Metal quantity |
|------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| Gold       |          |           |                |
| Uvalnoye   |          |           |                |
| Yuzhnoye   | 6,800    | 1.18      |                |
| Daykovskoy | thousand | g./tonne  | 8,024 kg.      |
| е          | tonnes   | g./torine |                |
| Other      |          |           |                |
| Lead       |          |           |                |
|            | 5,426    |           | 97,770         |
| Zarechnoye | thousand | 1.8%      | tonnes         |
|            | tonnes   |           | tornes         |

# Development of Zhezdybassay copper deposits in Mangistau Oblast

### **Project description:**

This investment project (the "Project") involves construction of an industrial complex for the extraction and beneficiation of copper ores at Zhezdybassay deposit and at nearby located deposits in the Mangystau region. Copper concentrate is planned to be processed into cathode copper at the copper plant KazZink, with its subsequent sale as a final product.

Commercial product: cathode copper (in sheets)
Project initiator: Tekhnogran Aktobe LLP

**Project implementation location:** Mangistau district, Mangistau Oblast

**Potential market**: Non-ferrous metals processing plants of neighbouring countries, China and Europe

### Market prerequisites:

**Large copper reserves**. Kazakhstan is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the world for copper reserves, which is 4.7% of world reserves or 36.6 million tonnes in volume terms.

**High demand.** Demand for the refined copper is forecasted to increase by 2.99% and 2.15% in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

**Rise in prices.** According to the World Bank's forecast, the moderate rise in prices for copper is expected.

**Export potential.** Trade deficit in considered copper products indicates potential for import substitution. Moreover, Kazakhstan has the opportunity to boost export to the People's Republic of China and neighbouring countries.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                                 | Results |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years  | 17      |
| including the investment stage, years | 4       |
| Operational stage, years              | 13      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands            | 23,000  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands           | 29,435  |
| IRR, %                                | 29.5%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                     | 39-61%  |
| Payback period, years                 | 7.4     |
| Discounted payback period, years      | 8.7     |

### **Project economics**



### Project implementation location: Mangistau district, Mangistau Oblast



### **Reserves of Project's deposits**

| Deposits/<br>Mineral<br>occurrences | Reserves,<br>resources<br>category | Ore,<br>mln<br>tons | Copper<br>grade,<br>% | Amount<br>of<br>copper,<br>thous.<br>tonnes |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Zhezdybassay                        | C2+P1                              | 6.7                 | 0.58                  | 39.2  |
| Dolnapinskoye                       | C2+P1                              | 1.8                 | 0.6                   | 10.8  |
| Sarshasaiskoye                      | P1                                 | 2.4                 | 0.6                   | 14.0  |
| East-<br>Shairskoye                 | P1                                 | 1.1                 | 0.8                   | 8.8   |
| Kyzyltanskoye                       | C2+P1                              | 0.8                 | 0.6                   | 4.8   |
| Shaniyazskoye                       | P1                                 | 0.09                | 1.1                   | 1.0   |
| Koktas                              | P1                                 | 0.36                | 0.4                   | 0.9   |
| Other occurrences and areas         | P1                                 | 2.1                 | 0.5                   | 10.5  |
| Total:                              | C2+P1                              | 15.3                |                       | 90.0  |

## evelopment of the Berkarinskoye deposit in the East Kazakhstan Oblast

### **Project description:**

This investment project (the "Project") involves development of the Berkarinskoye field in East Kazakhstan Oblast, which includes additional exploration, extraction, and processing of ore containing copper and silver.

**Product:** Refined copper, refined silver **Project initiator:** Nouvelle Mining LLP

**Location:** The Berkara site is located on the territory, which is a part of Semey city administration in East Kazakhstan Oblast

### Consumer market:

Copper - plants processing non-ferrous metals in CIS, China and Europe.

Silver - refining plants of Kazakhstan, Russia and China

### **Kev investment indicators**

| ,                                    |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Indicator                            | Result |
| Project implementation period, years | 12     |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 3      |
| Operating stage, years               | 9      |
| Investment amount, US\$ thous.       | 24,091 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thous.             | 60,155 |
| IRR, %                               | 51.2%  |
| EBITDA margin, %                     | 62%    |
| Payback period, years                | 6.0    |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 6.5    |

Location: The Berkara site is located on the territory, which is a part of Semey city administration in East Kazakhstan Oblast



### **Market prerequisites**

**High demand.** The expected demand growth for the refined copper will reach 2.99% in 2018 and 2.15% in 2019.

According to data by the Silver Institute, over the last five years, there was a worldwide silver deficit (in 2017, the deficit was 35 million ounces [810 tonnes]). At the same time, annual metal production is declining (a decrease of 4% in 2017).

**Price growth.** According to forecasts, a moderate increase in copper prices is expected in mediumterm time perspective.

**Export potential.** The trade deficit in products such as copper sheets, strips and tapes indicates the import substitution potential. Also, Kazakhstan has an opportunity to increase its exports to China and neighbor countries.

Also, there is a potential for exporting silver to China and to Russia. According to the results of 2017, these countries are among the top 10 largest world silver importers.

### **Project profitability**



Revenue, US\$ thous. ——EBITDA margin, %

### Proprietary calculation of Eastern Berkara reserves, 2018

| Ore type      | Cut-off<br>grade,<br>% | Ore,<br>tonnes | Copper content, | Silver<br>content,<br>g/tonne |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Oxidized ores | 0.5                    | 1,896,900      | 1.29            | -                             |
| Mixed ores    | 0.5                    | 1,384,801      | 2.03            | 19.3                          |

The presented data is the result of preliminary estimates of reserves for East Berkara site, performed in Micromine based on the drilling results of 2016-2017.

### Expansion of mining and processing of coppernickel ores of the Maksut deposit

### **Project description**

expansion of mining and processing plant of coppernickel ores of the Maksut deposit in the East Kazakhstan oblast (Project).

### **Project goal**

increase in mining and processing of copper-nickel ores of the Maksut deposit beneficiation plant from 400 thousand tonnes to 1.4 million tonnes of ore per year

### **Project initiator**

mining company BAST JSC, developing the coppernickel ores of the Maksut deposit.

### Products and average annual production after expansion:

- 21% copper concentrate 24.3 thousand tonnes
- 4% nickel concentrate 57.8 thousand tonnes

### **Processing capacity after expansion:**

1.4 million tonnes of ore per year

### **Project location:**

Abay district, East Kazakhstan oblast

### Market prerequisites:

**Availability of raw materials** – The estimated reserves of the Maksut deposit according to the JORC 2012 Code are 26.8 million tonnes of ore with a copper content of 0.44% and nickel of 0.35%

**Growing demand** – Demand for refined copper is expected to grow by 2.99% in 2018 and by 2.15% in 2019. According to the World Bureau of Metal Statistics in 2017, the shortage of refined nickel on the world market amounted to about 96 thousand tonnes.

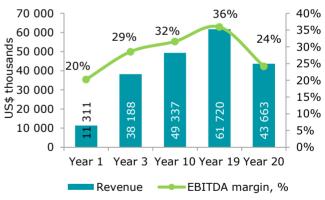
**Rising metal prices** – According to the forecast data of the World Bank, it is expected of rising of the price of copper (2018 – US\$ 6,800; 2021 - US\$ 6,849). As of from 2018 to 2022 the average nickel price per year will increase by 3%.

**Availability of customers** – The mining and processing complex Maksut is an operating enterprise which produces copper and nickel concentrates. Concentrates are successfully in great demand in China, Russia, Uzbekistan. The company has long-term contracts for the sale of concentrates.

### **Key investment indicators of the Project**

| Indicator                            | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 20      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 2       |
| operational stage, years             | 18      |
| Investment amount, US\$ thousands    | 24,979  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 43,749  |
| IRR, %                               | 41.3%   |
| EBITDA margin, %                     | 30%     |
| Payback period, years                | 4.0     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 4.8     |
|                                      |         |

### **Project Profitability**



### Project Location: Abay District, East Kazakhstan oblast



# Mineral Resource Report of the Maksut deposit in accordance with the JORC Code as of July 27, 2017

| Resource category | Tonnage  | Avg. Cu<br>content, % | Avg. Ni<br>content, % |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Indicated         | 26.8 mln | 0.44                  | 0.35                  |
| Probable          | 16.7 mln | 0.38                  | 0.28                  |
| Всего             | 43.5 mln | 0.41                  | 0.33                  |

# Development of the Zinc-copper Sanchez deposit in East Kazakhstan Oblast

### **Project Description:**

The project involves construction of an industrial complex for the extraction and beneficiation of zinc-copper ores at Sanchez deposit in East Kazakhstan Oblast.

### Product and average annual production:

Copper concentrate - 6,881 tonnes (963 tonnes of copper)

Zinc concentrate – 22,696 tonnes (10,213 tonnes of zinc)

### **Processing power:**

360 thousand tonnes of ore

#### **Initiator:**

"Varsa Mining" LLC

#### **Location:**

Kurshim district, East Kazakhstan Oblast

#### **Consumer markets:**

Processing plants of non-ferrous metals in the CIS countries, China and Europe

#### **Kev investment indicators**

| Indicator                            | Result |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Project implementation period, years | 8      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 3      |
| operational stage, years             | 5      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 15,620 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 11,997 |
| IRR, %                               | 49.1%  |
| EBITDA returns, %                    | 42%    |
| Payback period, years                | 4.7    |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 5.1    |

### Project location: Kurshim district, East Kazakhstan Oblast



### Market prerequisites:

### Growing demand.

The demand for refined copper is expected to grow by 2.99% in 2018 and by 2.15% in 2019.

Demand for refined zinc, will reach 14,389 thousand tonnes in 2020, increasing by 1.8% in 2019 and by 1.9% in 2020.

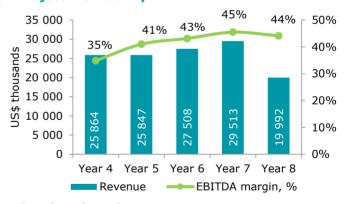
### Potential for exporting.

Kazakhstan has a geographical advantage which allows an increase of exporting of the product to China. Kazakhstan, being the main exporter of copper products to the Russian Federation, can increase the volumes of supplies of copper concentrates.

In China (the largest consumer of zinc), the demand for refined zinc is expected to grow from 6,596 thousand tonnes in 2018 to 7,257 thousand tonnes in 2020. Kazakhstan, unlike Peru and Australia, has a convenient geographical location for exporting products to China.

Kazakhstan is also the main exporter of zinc concentrates to Russia.

### **Project Profitability**



### Sanchez deposit reserves

| Indicators                     | Category                       | Ед. изм.           | Calculatio<br>n of<br>reserves |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sulphide zinc-<br>copper ore   | C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> | thousand<br>tonnes | 13,000                         |
| Zinc content                   |                                | %                  | 3.83                           |
| Copper content                 |                                | %                  | 0.34                           |
| Calculation of zinc reserves   |                                | tonnes             | 49,799                         |
| Calculation of copper reserves |                                | tonnes             | 4,394                          |

<sup>\*</sup> Initiator's proprietary calculations in 2018, based on drilling results

**Project description:** This investment project provides for the performance improvement and the increase of absolute production capacity of the bulk rare earth concentrates production facility (BREC) through the upgrade of equipment currently used for production of BRECs in Stepnogorsk.

### **Output capacity:**

4,000 tonnes of BRECs for the entire Project duration

**Commercial product:** BRECs in the form of calcined oxalates

**Project location:** Industrial Zone No. 6, Stepnogorsk, Akmola Oblast. (Processing); industrial zone of Aktau, Mangistau Oblast (Mining)

**Consumer:** Irtysh Rare Earth Company LLP (agreement of intent to supply the whole volume of products to be produced)

### Market prerequisites:

**Export potential** There is still potential capacity to export the product to nearby markets – Russia and China. For the last 5 years, annual import of rare earth compounds averaged 1,243 tonnes in Russia and 12,221 tonnes in China.

Available sales channels in Kazakhstan BRECs will be purchased by Irtysh Rare Earth Company LLP, which produces the following rare earth products: various compounds of lanthanum, cerium, praseodymium, neodymium, samarium, gadolinium, polishing powders based on pure cerium oxide.

Further growth of demand for rare earth metals According to experts, the Cumulative Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of the world REM market will reach 9.35% until 2021.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                                | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 5       |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 1       |
| operational stage, years             | 4       |
| Investment amount, US\$ thousands    | 11,118  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 14,161  |
| IRR, %                               | 116.1%  |
| EBITDA returns, %                    | 15%     |
| Payback period, years                | 1.6     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 1.7     |

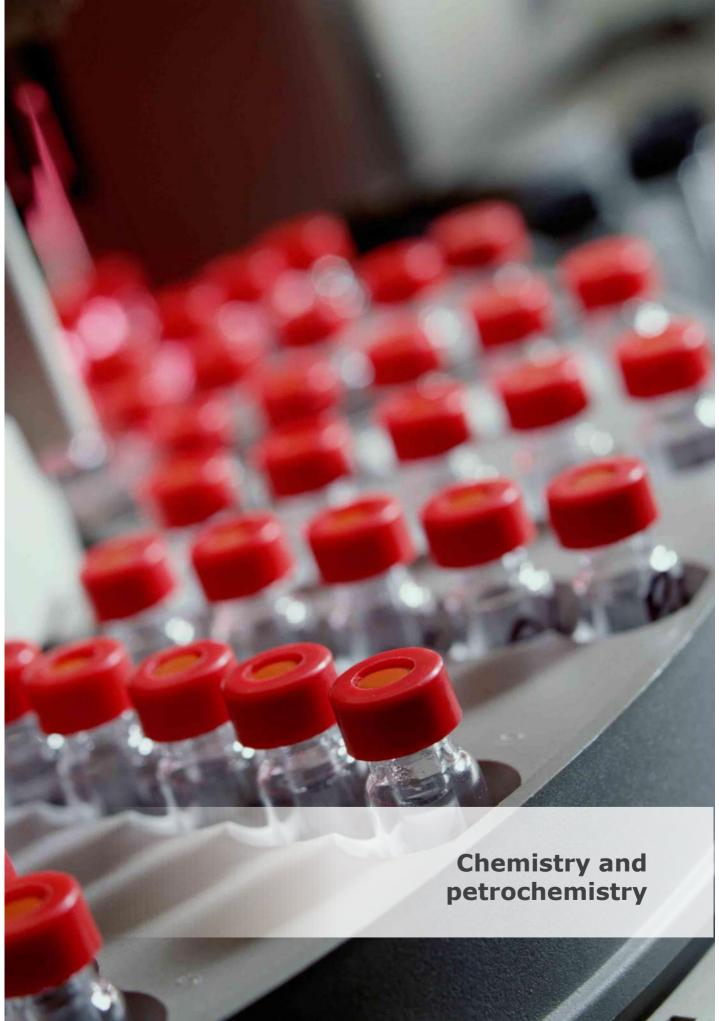
### **Project location: Stepnogorsk, Akmola Oblast**



#### **Project profitability** 30 000 40% 27% 27% 25% 21% 30% spues 25 000 20 000 15 000 25 000 20% 10% 0% -10% \$ 10 000 -23% -20% 24 300 -30% 22 91 5 000 -40% 0 -50% Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Revenue EBITDA margin, %

### **Product characteristics**

| Index              | REO/TREO*, % |
|--------------------|--------------|
| TREO, %            | 100          |
| Lanthanum oxide    | 7.7          |
| Cerium oxide       | 18.2         |
| Praseodymium oxide | 3.5          |
| Neodymium oxide    | 12.5         |
| Samarium oxide     | 3.2          |
| Europium oxide     | 0.9          |
| Gadolinium oxide   | 4.8          |
| Terbium oxide      | 0.9          |
| Dysprosium oxide   | 5.3          |
| Holmium oxide      | 1.1          |
| Erbium oxide       | 2.8          |
| Thulium oxide      | 0.4          |
| Ytterbium oxide    | 2.3          |
| Yttrium oxide      | 36.1         |
| Lutetium oxide     | 0.4          |





# Chemistry and petrochemistry

The chemistry and petrochemistry in Kazakhstan is an economically attractive platform for investments due to the country's rich supply of raw materials and proximity to fast-growing markets such as China, Russia, Turkey, Iran, etc. Furthermore, the stable demand from mining and agriculture-industrial sectors allows developing the production of various types of industrial chemicals.

However, analysis of the trade balance in the industry shows that domestic production capacity can not cover the demand for chemical products and their derivatives. There is an excess of demand over supply for products such as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), liquefied natural gas (LPG), ammonia, caustic soda, polyethylene, and high-quality base oils of groups I, II, and III. The shortage of domestic production of these products hinders the effective development of industries that use these types of products as raw materials.

In order to develop import substitution and increase export potential on the regional market, it is reasonable to attract investors to basic chemical industry. We have prepared investment proposals for 5 projects in the chemical and petrochemical industry. The main advantages of Kazakhstan for the selected projects are access to cheap raw materials, a low level of operating costs and the availability of preferences for investors.



### **Project description:**

Construction of a gas chemical complex for processing of separated and stabilized gases, containing acid gas (C02+ H2S). Separated and stabilized gases will be produced by production facilities at Karachaganak deposit.

### Raw material:

Sulfur dioxide gas supplied by Karachaganak Petroleum Operating BV (KPO), the subsoil user of the Karachaganak field.

### **Commercial producs and annual output:**

- Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) 622 thousand tonnes;
- Polyethylene 241 thousand tonnes;
- Pyrolysis petrol 7 thousand tonnes.

**Initiator:** Kondensat JSC – large industrial enterprise in West Kazakhstan Oblast.

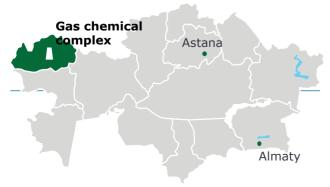
**Project location:** West Kazakhstan Oblast, 12 km from the town of Aksay.

Consumer markets: Kazakhstan, Europe, China

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|---|-----------|
| Indicator   | Results   |
| Project implementation period, years                                    | 24        |
| incl. investment stage, years   | 5         |
| operational stage, years  | 19        |
| Investment, US\$ thousands  | 1,705,896 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands   | 1,057,982 |
| IRR, %  | 16%       |
| EBITDA returns, %   | 71%       |
| Payback period, amount of years from the start of production            | 5.9       |
| Discounted payback period, amount of years from the start of production | 10.6      |

### Project location: West Kazakhstan Oblast, 12 km from the town of Aksay



### Market prerequisites:

Growing demand for petrochemicals – According to the Grand View Research, Inc. report, it is expected that the global demand for petrochemicals will reach US\$ 952.89 billion by 2025. Growing demand for residential heating, automotive oils and industrial operations will remain a key driving factor for market growth. According to AS Marketing and METI, demand for polymers over the past five years has increased by almost 20%. Packaging industry is the main driver of the global demand growth for polymers.

**Raw materials availability**– According to the Ministry of Energy in Kazakhstan, the total volume of estimated extractable hydrocarbon resources in the country approximately equals to 15 billion tonnes. Kazakhstan is one of the leading countries in the world for proven oil reserves.

**Export potential** – In neighboring countries, there is a growing demand for petrochemical products (particularly for polymers). According to Bloomberg forecasts, China's demand for polyethylene will grow by 26.6% and will reach 13.4 million tonnes per year by 2021.

### **Project profitability**



### Technological flows during Project implementation period



1 Fat acid gas from KPC

Dry acid gas returning from the gas chemical complex

Condensate returning from a gas chemical complex to KPO

### **Project description:**

Construction of Group I, II and III base oil production plant in Turkestan oblast

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#### Raw materials:

Straight-run fuel oil from "PetroKazakhstan Oil Products" (PKOP) oil refinery.

### **Commercial products:**

high-quality base oils of Group I (1200SN), Group II (60N, 150N, 350N), and Group III (650N)

### **Output capacity:**

255 thousand tonnes of base oils per annum

#### **Initiator:**

HILL Corporation Group, the only major producer of lubricating oils in Kazakhstan.

### **Project location:**

Turkestan Oblast, Shymkent city industrial zone

### **Consumer markets:**

Kazakhstan, China

### Market prerequisites:

### Availability of customers and raw materials -

There is a need to supply raw materials to HILL Corporation's operating plant for compounding lubricating oils. Straight-run fuel oil is the main raw material for the Project, which will be supplied by PetroKazakhstan Oil Products LLP ("PKOP"), an oil refinery in Shymkent located 350 m from the future plant.

#### Import substitution and export potential -

Kazakhstan doesn't produce base oils, which are used by local enterprises as a basis for creating lubricants and motor oils. The foreign market (China) is attractive for exporting due to the existence of high demand. Preliminary agreements for selling products in Kazakhstan and in China have already been concluded. Volume of oil exports is expected to reach 183 thousand tonnes per year.

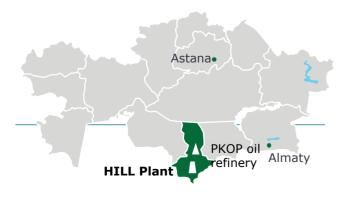
### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                                | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 24      |
| incl. the investment stage, years    | 4       |
| operational stage, years             | 20      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 729,238 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 770,807 |
| IRR, %                               | 26.3%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                    | 65%     |
| Payback period, years                | 6.5     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 8.5     |

### Project profitability



### **Project location: Turkestan Oblast, Shymkent city industrial zone**



### Planned output capacity

| Volume, tonnes | Share   |
|----------------|---|
| 254,738        | 100%  |
| 20,000         | 8%  |
| 36,044         | 14%   |
| 40,470         | 16%   |
| 60,950         | 24%   |
| 97,274         | 38%   |
| 240,000        | 100%  |
| 18,000         | 8%  |
| 50,542         | 21%   |
| 75,074         | 31%   |
| 96,026         | 40%   |
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**Project description:** Project involves building a "Standard Petroleum" oil refinery for producing motor fuel and petrochemicals in Turkestan Oblast.

**Refining capacity:** 1.85 million tonnes per year.

**Raw materials used:** oil, gas condensate and their mixtures from the Kenlyk field.

**Product:** 1) eco-class 5 Ai-95 gasoline; 2) eco-class 5 winter and arctic diesel; 3) gas-motor propane-butane fuel (LPG); 4) oil coke (preliminary stage – M150 fuel oil); 5) petrochemicals: a mixture of aromatic compounds (benzol, toluene and xylene - BTX), isopropyl alcohol, naphthalene, polymers and carbamide; 6) electricity

**Initiator:** Standard Petroleum & Co LLP (a part of a major integrated holding company, which includes a hydrocarbon exploration, drilling, production, and trading operations).

Location: Turkestan Oblast.

Sales market: Kazakhstan, China and Russia.

### Market prerequisites:

**Project profitability** 

**Import substitution.** As of now, Kazakhstan oil refineries only meet 70% of domestic demand for motor fuel. Demand for light petroleum products is met through imports from Russia. In Russia and China, there is a growing demand for petrochemicals, specifically for polymers, naphthalene and benzol.

**Growing polymer demand.** According to AS Marketing and METI, polymer demand has grown on average by nearly 20% over the last five years. Packaging industry development is the key driver of the growing global demand for polymers.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                                | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 24      |
| incl. investment phase, years        | 2       |
| operating phase, years               | 22      |
| Investment amount, US\$ thousands    | 300,000 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 460,711 |
| IRR, %                               | 31.2%   |
| EBITDA margin, %                     | 22.8%   |
| Payback period, years                | 5.9     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 7.2     |

### **Project location: Turkestan Oblast**



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Maximum plant output (on the final commissioning phase), thous. tonnes per year

Revenue

Year 3Year 4Year 6Year 7 Year

Year

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EBITDA margin, %

| Volume           |
|------------------|
| 430 - 440        |
| 280 - 290        |
| 172 - 180        |
| 160 - 180        |
| 152 - 160        |
| 88 - 92          |
| 65 - 70          |
| 60 - 76          |
| 60 – 65          |
| 36 - 40          |
| up to 80 MW/hour |
|                  |

### Construction of a liquefied natural gas producing plant

### **Project description:**

The project involves construction of a plant for the production of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in Zhambyl Oblast.

Output capacity: 47,520 tonnes of LNG per year. Commercial product: Liquefied natural gas

Initiator: Astana-Trans-Oil LLP

**Project implementation location:** Sholdala village, suburbs of the city of Taraz, Zhambyl Oblast

#### Main consumers:

- 1) Household consumers. Gasification of inhabited areas (Akmola, North Kazakhstan, Paylodar, Karaganda, East-Kazakhstan Oblasts);
- 2) Vehicles and agricultural machinery:
- 3) Small energy facilities;
- 4) Low-mobility and stationary heavy equipment.
- 5) Enterprises

### Market prerequisites:

Availability of resources. Kazakhstan, with its plentiful natural gas reserves, has a potential to take a leading position among the CIS countries in the realm of liquefied gas production.

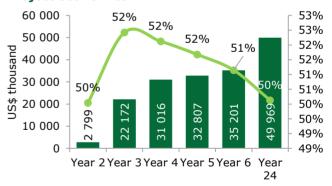
Low level of gasification in Kazakhstan. According to Oblast Akimats (local authorities), gasification level in Kazakhstan was equal to 47.38% by the end of 2017. According to the General gasification scheme, gasification coverage of the country will reach 56% by 2030. This statistics shows a presence of an excellent potential for the development of the LNG industry in Kazakhstan.

Other beneficial factors. There is no LNG production in Kazakhstan at the time of compiling this analysis. Thus, given the lack of competition, insufficient level of gasification in Kazakhstan and a number of advantages of LNG compared to other types of fuel (cost efficiency, energy efficiency, environmental benefits, safety), there is a good potential for the development of LNG industry in Kazakhstan.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                            | Results |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Investment, US\$ thousands       | 48,588  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands      | 64,629  |
| IRR, %                           | 23.3%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                | 51%     |
| Payback period, years            | 6.0     |
| Discounted payback period, years | 7.9     |

### **Project economics**



■ Revenue, US\$ thousand ← EBITDA margin, %

### Project location: Sholdala village, suburb of Taraz town, Zhambyl Oblast



### **Product sales provision**

At this moment memorandums on LNG supply have been signed with the following companies:

- Kokshetau Trans Gas LLP
- MCPS Horaos
- KazTransGas Onimderi JSC
- Shchuchinsko-Borovskaya resort area
- Regionstroy LLP, Astana Oblast
- Arys depot, Arys Kazakhstan railway station

**Project description:** expansion of production capacity of the dry sodium cyanide plant up to 30 thousand tonnes per year

**Production output for the entire Project period:** 30 thousand tonnes of sodium cyanide

**Raw materials**: ammonia, caustic soda, natural gas and air

**Commerical products:** basic product - sodium cyanide, by-product - ammonium sulfate

**Initiator:** Talas Investment Company LLP, which is a part of Ontustik Financial, Trade and Industrial Corporation Group

**Project implementation Location:** Industrial zone of Karatau, Zhambyl Oblast

**Potential markets:** Kazakhstan, Russia, China, other near-abroad countries

### Market prerequisites:

**Growing demand** – 85 tonnes of gold produced in 2017 by domestic gold mining companies required more than 40 thousand tonnes of reagents, which is 3 times higher than production output of sodium cyanide in Kazakhstan.

Import substitution and export – Kazakhstan's domestic need for sodium cyanide is mainly met by imports from Russia and China. About 90% of sodium cyanide in the world is used to process gold. Imports of sodium cyanide to Russia and China increased in 2014-2017 amid the increasing gold production as their domestic enterprises couldn't fully meet demand for this reagent. Neighbouring countries Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan are completely dependent on imports of sodium cyanide.

### **Key investment indicators**

| Index                                 | Results |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years  | 24      |
| including the investment stage, years | 3       |
| Operational stage, years              | 21      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands            | 21,051  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands           | 41,013  |
| IRR, %                                | 36%     |
| EBITDA returns, %                     | 22-33%  |
| Payback period, years                 | 5.1     |
| Discounted payback period, years      | 5.9     |

### Project location: industrial zone of Karatau, Zhambyl Oblast



### **Project economics**



### Planned capacity of the plant

| Index               | 2017             | 2018F-<br>2019F* | 2020<br>F        | 2021F             | 2022F             |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Load, %             | 100%             | 100%             | 50-<br>60%       | 70-80%            | 100%              |
| Capacity,<br>tonnes | 15,00<br>0       | 15,000           |                  | 10,500-<br>12,000 | 13,500-<br>15,000 |
|                     | Current capacity |                  | +Future capacity |                   |                   |





# Public-private partnerships

Public-private partnership projects are aimed at creating conditions for cooperation between state and business, developing and uniting their potential for implementing economically and socially beneficial projects and increasing private investment in the country's economy. When implementing the selected projects, a number of tasks are achieved, such as:

- Positive social effect directly for the population (increasing the share of employed population in working age, improving the level of provision of population with well-equipped farms, increasing the level of accessibility and quality of services in transport, health, education and culture);
- An alternative mechanism for financing infrastructure costs by attracting private investment and, as a result, development and/or modernization of infrastructure facilities;
- A higher return on capital use in the private sector and increased market competition with a reduction in budget expenditures.

The choice of projects is justified by analysis of experience in implementation of public-private partnership projects by the most developed countries that are members of the G-7 (the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan, France). A detailed experience of using public-private partnership in these countries has shown that the most promising sectors for implementation of PPP projects are health, environmental protection and infrastructure.

# Introduction of the national system of charging a fare on the roads of the Republic of Kazakhstan

### **Project description:**

Construction, launch and maintenance of the national charging system ("NCS") for using 11,095 kms of highways of national importance.

**Road length:** 11,095 km of highways of national and international importance with the possibility of further expansion to 15,000 km.

Location: The Republic of Kazakhstan

Project initiator: JSC "National Company "KazAvtoZhol" (JSC "NC" KazAvtoZhol")

Partnership terms and conditions: The project will be implemented on the basis of public-private partnership ("PPP"). A Concession grantor will be the Committee of Highways of the Ministry of Investments and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan (MI&D of RK), while JSC "NC" KazAvtoZhol" will be the national project operator.

Main Users: Local and foreign owners of cars and trucks; transport passing through the country (transit)

### **Key investment indicators**

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| Indicator                            | Results |
| Project implementation period, years | 13      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 5       |
| operational stage, years             | 8       |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 267,399 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 34,704  |
| IRR, %                               | 13%     |
| EBITDA return, %                     | 19-98%  |
| Payback period, years                | 7.7     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 10.6    |
|                                      |         |

### **Project profitability**



### Market prerequisites:

**Growing demand** Over the past 10 years, the average annual growth in the number of cars in the country amounted to 5%. The country has also seen an increase in passenger and cargo traffic by road. The average annual growth in these indicators for the last 5 years was equal to 2.6% and 2.05% respectively.

**Transit potential** Over the last year, the growth of transit on motor transport amounted to 223%. Implementing the Project is necessary to maximize the benefits of transit flows, while providing the transit cargo and passengers with a high level of transport infrastructure quality.

**Process optimization and reducing the strain on the budget** The implementation of the PPP project
will reduce national budget expenditures. After the
launch of the NCS, road maintenance will be financed
from the collected funds, which will reduce the
burden on the budget in the long term.

### **Qualitative indicators**

### **Project Participants**

- Private partner
- State partner (Committee of highways of the MI&D of RK)
- National operator (JSC "NC" KazAvtoZhol")

### Private partner income

- Compensation of investment and operating costs
- Dividends

### Use of payments

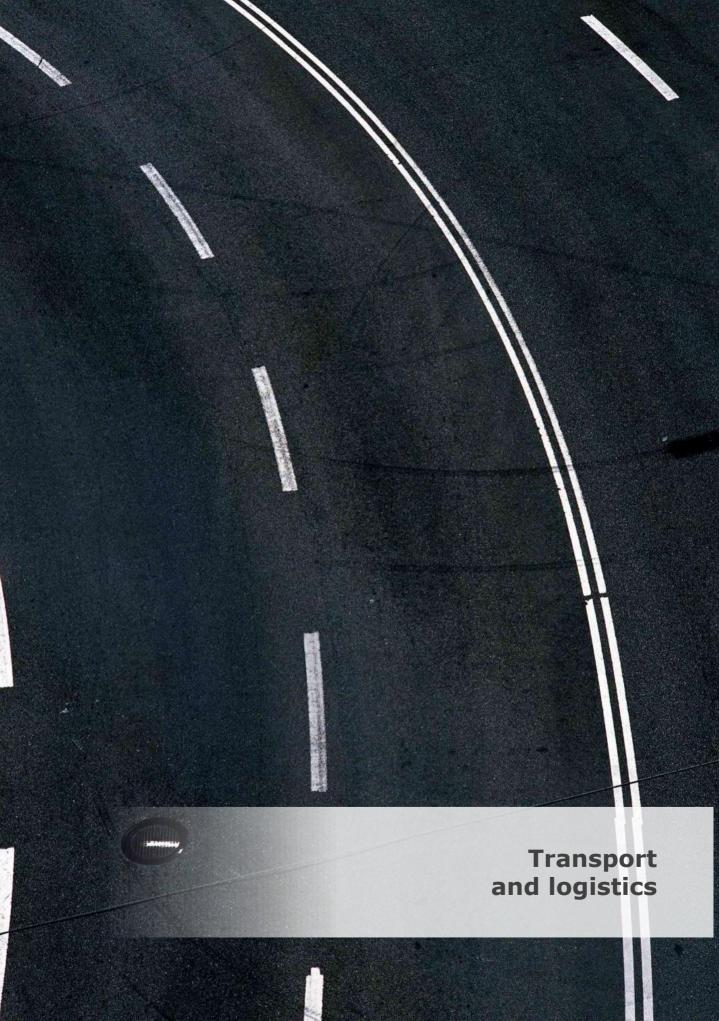
The funds received from the collection tolls will be used by the national operator for maintenance of these roads.

### Transfer of know-how

Project involves transfer of proprietary software to the national operator for further development, expansion and adaptation to local conditions and needs.

#### Tolling system

- On Category I roads (1396 km of Project's roads) a hybrid tolling system will be installed (fee collection from all vehicle types)
- On roads of categories II and III (about 9,699 km of the Project's roads) an open tolling system will be installed (charging only trucks).





# Transport and logistics

Transport logistics and infrastructure are among the most underdeveloped sectors in Kazakhstan, due to the poor quality of services, low professionalism of domestic logistics operators. However, these industries have great opportunities associated with the untapped transit potential of Kazakhstan, the construction of the Western Europe-Western China road, the main roads connecting Kazakhstan with neighboring countries.

## Implementation of industry projects has a number of key benefits:

- Kazakhstan is located at the crossroads of international corridors, and as a result, it has all the prerequisites to become the main logistic link connecting Europe and Asia. The basis for the formation of a logistics link can be the projects mentioned below;
- Today, the country is carrying out systematic work to improve the quality of transport services. First of all, reduction of transport time, reduction of transportation costs, optimization of tariffs, ensuring the safety of goods, and the preparation of high-quality human resources, which are designed to ensure the normal functioning of the entire logistics system;
- In Kazakhstan, about 70% of all transport traffic falls on the railway. In this regard, all the necessary measures are being introduced for the development of transportation by air and road.

# Creation of a multimodal transportation hub at the Astana International Airport

#### **Project Description:**

Creation of a multimodal transportation hub at the Astana International Airport which in turn will become a center of a new Aerotropolis with commercial and residential objects, industrial zone, logistical companies, recreational and touristic facilities

Location: project will be implemented in Astana city at the current Astana International Airport.

#### Services provided:

- Service of aircraft, service of passengers, cargo services and storage, multimodal cargo services;
- Development of the Aerotropolis: attracting private investors into the industrial and commercial zones and for construction of recreational, touristic and residential facilities.

#### **Market prerequisites:**

**Strategic location** Astana Airport has a unique chance to become a transcontinental air bridge, since in a 8 hour flight radius there are 2.3 billion people, which includes populations of China, India and Russia.

Growth of passenger and freight traffic at the airport Average annual growth rate of freight traffic at the Astana airport amounted to 8% (CARG since 2013 until 2017), while passenger traffic increased from 2.6 million to 4.3 million passengers in the same period. According to Lufthansa Consulting Astana airport will see passenger traffic of 13 million passengers and freight traffic of 117 thousand tons in 2030.

**New destinations** Due to the beginning of the functioning of the Financial Center in the city of Astana and in accordance with the Nation's Plan (Step 67) new destinations will be launched to New York, Tokyo and Singapore. This will lead to an additional increase in passenger and freight traffic at the airport. **Freight traffic from China** Located in-between two major exporters and importers of the world: China and EU, will allow the multimodal hub to service the transit of goods between China and Europe.

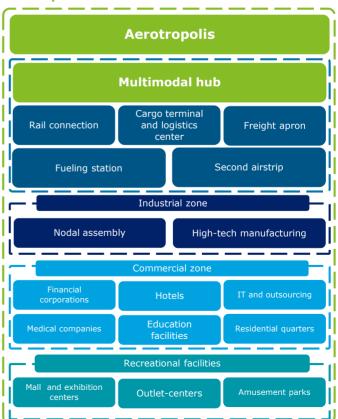
#### **Key Investment Indicators**

| Indicator                            | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 24      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 10      |
| operational stage, years             | 14      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 430,975 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 967,264 |
| IRR, %                               | 21.3%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                    | 3-51%   |
| Payback period, years                | 9.7     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 11.7    |

#### **Project profitability**



# Structure of the multimodal hub and the Aerotropolis



#### **Project description:**

Construction of a modern transportation and logistics center (TLC) in the East Kazakhstan Oblast, in the city of Ust-Kamenogorsk, which provides a full range of commercial services for transportation and logistics (Ust-Kamenogorsk TLC, UTLC)

Cargo turnover capacity: 0.5 million tonnes of cargo turnover per year

Project location: East Kazakhstan Oblast, Ust-Kamenogorsk, along the road connecting Ust-Kamenogorsk and Almaty Services provided:

- customs and brokerage services, as well as other services for registration of all cargo categories
- cargo handling at terminals
- provision of railway docks, open storage areas, warehouses and office premises

**Key investment indicators** 

| Index                                | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 24      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 4       |
| operational stage, years             | 20      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands           | 29,674  |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands          | 24,920  |
| IRR, %                               | 24.8%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                    | 87%     |
| Payback period, years                | 6.3     |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 8.8     |

#### Market prerequisites:

Favorable location East Kazakhstan Oblast borders with China and Russia, which will give UTLC more prospects to develop as the local transportation and logistics hub connecting Western China and the Eastern regions of Russia. UTLC has a great chance of becoming a transportation and logistics gateway to Siberia.

Increase in foreign trade in East Kazakhstan **Oblast** Over the period of 2015-2017, foreign trade turnover of East Kazakhstan Oblast has seen an average annual increase of 6%. Notably, China and Russia were the main trade partners. This suggests the existence of reliable demand for warehousing, transportation and customs services.

Growth in wholesale and retail trading volumes Annual growth in the volumes of wholesale and retail trade in East Kazakhstan Oblast during the years of 2016 and 2017 was equal to 19% and 15% respectively. Considering a positive correlation between trading volume increases and increases in the occupancy of warehouses, it is expected that the demand for services of UTLC will be rising.

Growth in the volume of industrial product shipments from East Kazakhstan Oblast to other regions of the country There was a 401% increase in the volume of shipped industrial products from East Kazakhstan Oblast to other regions of the country over the 2014-2016 period. This creates an additional demand for distribution, storage and sorting of goods services.

**Low level of competition** Currently, there are no similar enterprises in East Kazakhstan Oblast that provide a full range of high-quality services related to transportation and logistics.

#### **Quality indicators**

#### **TLC facilities:**

- TLC warehouse with a temporary storage zone (dry and climatic)
- Cargo container terminal: loading and unloading platform with a railway, container platforms, temporary storage zone and a container crane
- Parking lot for cars and trucks
- Admin and accommodation complex
- Repair workshop with a garage for special equipment

TLC area: 10 hectares

#### **Project profitability**



**Project Description:** construction of a modern multi-functional freight terminal ("Terminal") near the Dostyk railway station

**Location:** on a 150 ha land plot, between the main railway and the Kazakhstan-China highway, 7 km south-west of the Dostyk railway station

Project initiator: Dostyk TransTerminal LLP
Capacity:

100,000 units of 20-foot containers ("TEU") per year **Primary activities:** 

- · Transshipment of container cargo;
- Transshipment of general, oversized, heavy and other types of cargo;
- Other transport and logistics services (brokerage, cargo and container warehousing)

#### **Potential consumers**

- Logistics companies (DHL, Kuehne & Nagel, DB Schenker Logistics);
- Exporters/importers to and from Kazakhstan;
- Transport and logistics companies engaged in transit of cargo through Kazakhstan.

#### **Market Prerequisites:**

**Demanded transport corridor** Terminal will be located on the Europe-China corridor. Transit container cargo volume on this corridor has been growing two-fold every year since 2014. In 2017 it reached 201 thousand TEU

Dynamic growth in goods turnover through Dostyk station. Transit container cargo volume passing through the station on the Europe-China corridor reached 114 thousand TEU in 2017. At the moment goods turnover volume passing through the station is only limited by the carrying capacity of the station.

#### **Key Investment Indicators**

| Indicator                         | Results   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Investment period                 | 2018-2019 |
| Investment amount, US\$ thousands | 26,099    |
| NPV, US\$ thousands               | 24,878    |
| IRR, %                            | 24.1%     |
| Payback period, years             | 6.3       |
| Discounted payback period, years  | 8.8       |

#### **Project profitability**



#### **Location of the Project:**

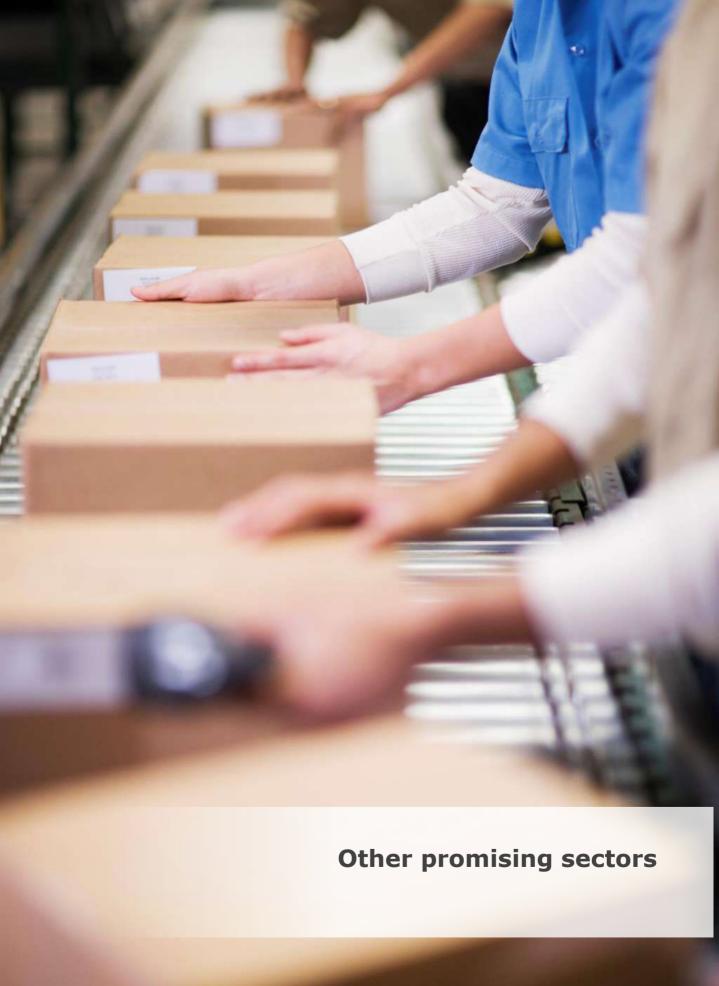


#### **Project life cycle:**

The project will be implemented in stages.

- At the first stage, it is planned to commission of a Terminal with 2x2 railway lines (1,435 mm and 1,520 mm). The launch of the first phase is scheduled for September 2019;
- The subsequent stages will increase the capacity of the Terminal to 150-200 thousand TEU;

There is a land fund and infrastructure to create a Multifunctional Business Zone consisting of an industrial and logistic zone near the Terminal.





# Other promising sectors

The list of other promising sectors of the economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan includes tourism and processing industry.

#### **Tourism**

Tourism is a key element in the economy of Kazakhstan. The rich territory of the country and the colossal amount of attractions brings millions of tourists from year to year. In 2013, the Government of the Republic developed a concept for the development of the tourism industry in the country until 2020. The key goal of the program is the creation of five tourist clusters: Astana, Almaty, East Kazakhstan, South Kazakhstan and West Kazakhstan. As of 2017, the UNESCO World Heritage List includes the 5 greatest landmarks of the country. As part of this project, we proposed 3 key projects in the industry, such as the construction of HappyLand in the cities of Almaty and Shymkent, as well as a resort complex on the Lakes Big Chebachye and Tekkol in relative proximity to the capital of the country.

# **Processing industry**

The processing industry is based on processing in addition to the main types of raw materials and products, and the processing of slags and tailings. For the country's economy, the key task is to process slag products of heat and electricity production. The ash processing project proposed by us is economically beneficial for both the potential investor and the country as a whole.

#### **Project description:**

Development of a multifunctional resort complex ("Complex") in Burabay resort area, on the shores of Bolshoye Chebachye and Tekekol lakes, with a yearround operational schedule.

#### Location:

Akmola region, Burabay resort area, the shores of Bolshoye Chebachye and Tekekol lakes

#### **Project initiator:**

Burabay Damu LLP: subordinate organization of the Office of the President's Affairs ("OPA").

#### **Governmental support:**

OPA provides a land plot and the government finances construction of engineering infrastructure

#### **Key investment indicators**

| Indicator                            | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 24      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 13      |
| operating stage, years               | 11      |
| Investment amount, US\$ thous.       | 190,151 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thous.             | 53,898  |
| IRR, %                               | 17.4%   |
| EBITDA margin, %                     | 42%     |
| Payback period, years                | 10.6    |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 17.9    |

#### Market prerequisites:

Growing demand for tourism services The average annual growth in the number of domestic tourists in Kazakhstan in 2013-2017 amounted to 10%, while the number of outbound tourists was almost left unchanged over the last five years. Average annual growth in the number of inbound tourists in 2016-2017 amounted to 18%. In 2017, the number of inbound tourists (mainly from the CIS countries) amounted to 7.7 million people.

#### Increase in attendance of Burabay resort area

Burabay resort area is one of the most popular resorts in Kazakhstan. In 2017, 150,000 people have stayed at its guest stay facilities. While an estimated total attendance of the resort area came at around 600,000 people over the same period. According to expert forecasts, the average annual growth of the total resort attendance untill the 2030 will be equal to 4.1%.

Low market competition level To date, in Burabay resort area there are no tourist facilities providing a similar array of accomodation and leisure services, and with similar quality standards. The only complex with a similar scale and versatility of the provided services is the "8 lakes" Park resort complex, located near Almaty.

# Capacity projections for the Complex by 2040:

Capacity of the guest stay facilities: accommodating 380 thousand tourists per year;

Residential area population: 2000 people;

One-off visits to the leisure and entertainment facilities of the Complex: 3.3 million per year.

#### **Key facilities of the Complex:**

#### Land plot area

233 hectares

#### **Guest stay facilities**

- · Family hotel;
- Hotel for adults;
- · Hotel for sports events and meetings;
- Guest cottage houses and villas.

Total capacity of the guest stay facilities: 800 rooms (1900 beds).

Hotel categories: 4/4+.

- Aqua-park and adventure park;
- · The ski arena;
- · Center for learning and entertainment;
- · Health recreational center;
- City center with commercial areas;
- Sports complex.

#### Residential area

- 340 cottage houses;
- 84 villas.

Construction of all of the facilities of the Complex is divided into 3 phases, with the planned completion of all construction works in 2030.

#### Leisure and entertainment facilities

#### **Project Description:**

Development of a multifunctional amusement park «HAPPYLAND PARK» in Almaty Oblast («Project»).

**Project goal:** To provide citizens of Kazakhstan and Central Asia the opportunity to visit a world-class amusement park.

Location: 23 km from Almaty city

**Project initiator:** «HAPPYLON» group of companies, which belong to an international network of indoor theme parks and restaurants, providing services for family holidays.

**Governmental support:** The project corresponds to the objectives of the national concept of development of the tourist industry until 2023, which includes the creation of a cultural and tourist cluster "Almaty –free cultural zone of Kazakhstan"

Area of the Park: 193 ha

#### **Key investment indicators**

| Indicator                        | Result  |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Construction period, years       | 6       |
| Investment, US\$ thousands       | 125,989 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands      | 87,000  |
| IRR, %                           | 15.1%   |
| EBITDA returns, %                | 55%     |
| Payback period, years            | 8.7     |
| Discounted payback period, years | 11.7    |

#### **Key Project Facilities**

#### Amusement Park, 45 ha:

- · Children's zone 20 attractions;
- Family zone 20 attractions;
- Extreme zone 10 attractions.

#### Waterpark, 5 ha:

- Open air 3 ha, 26 attractions
- Indoor 1 ha, 16 attractions.

#### Additional segments:

- · Nature park, 20 ha;
- · Golf club, 78 ha.

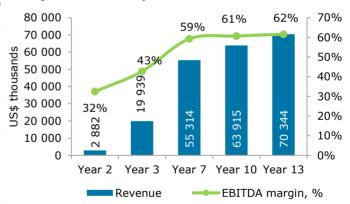
#### Market prerequisites:

**Growing demand for tourism services** – Average annual growth in the number of domestic tourists in Kazakhstan in 2013-2017 was 10%. The average annual growth in the number of incoming tourists in 2016-2017 was 18% (2017 – 7,7 million people). The number of visits to parks and recreation areas in Kazakhstan was more than 27 million in 2017.

**Geographical location** – The park will be located, 20km from the largest megacity of Kazakhstan with a population of 1.8 million people alongside the new highway Almaty – Kapshagai. The target audience of the project covers 162 million people – Kazakhstan, Central Asia, border regions of Russia, China and the Caucasus.

**Competence of the initiator**– HAPPYLON is the leading player in the «Indoor amusement parks» segment on Kazakhstan market, with a share of more than 70%. The company has 12 years of experience in creating and managing projects in the entertainment industry. The number of visitors in 2017 was more than 1 million people.

#### **Project Profitability**



#### Indoor entertainment center, 5 ha:

- · Ethnographic park;
- Happy City (Professions Park) and Science Park;
- Starting platforms for large attractions and karting.

#### SPA & Resort Hotel, 15 ha:

- Hotel 200 rooms;
- Cottage house town 150 rooms and 100 houses
- Bungalow complex 100 rooms;
- Spa complex 0,5 ha.

# Development of a multifunctional amusement park in Shymkent

#### **Project Description:**

Development of a multifunctional amusement park «HAPPYLAND PARK» in Shymkent («Project»).

**Project goal:** To provide citizens of Kazakhstan and Central Asia the opportunity to visit a world-class amusement park.

**Location:** : 20 km from the center of Shymkent, on the shore of the Badam reservoir

**Project initiator:** «HAPPYLON» group of companies, which belong to an international network of indoor theme parks and restaurants, providing services for family holidays.

**Governmental support:** The project corresponds to the objectives of the national concept of development of the tourist industry until 2023

Area of the Park: 152 ha

#### **Key investment indicators**

| Indicator                        | Result |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Construction period, years       | 4      |
| Investment, US\$ thousands       | 56,388 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thousands      | 68,727 |
| IRR, %                           | 18.4%  |
| EBITDA returns, %                | 57%    |
| Payback period, years            | 7.5    |
| Discounted payback period, years | 10.1   |

#### **Key Project Facilities**

#### Amusement Park, 45 ha:

- · Children's zone
- · Family zone
- · Extreme zone.

#### Waterpark, 5 ha:

Open air

#### **Additional segments:**

- · Nature park, 20 ha;
- · Golf club, 78 ha.

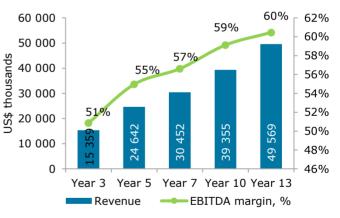
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#### **Project Profitability**



#### Indoor entertainment center, 2 ha:

- Starting platforms for large attractions and karting.
- Large food-court 0.12 ha
- · Recreational areas

#### SPA & Resort Hotel, 15 ha:

- Hotel & SPA 200 rooms
- Cottage house town 200 rooms
- Bungalow complex 160 rooms.





The agro-industrial complex of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter - the AIC) is one of the most important sectors of the economy of Kazakhstan, providing about 6.7% of the gross output of Kazakhstan.

The gross output of food production grew by more than 1.5 times over the period 2013-2017 and amounted to 1.5 trillion tenge.

The gross output of agricultural products increased 1.4 times over the period 2013-2017 and amounted to 4.1 trillion tenge.

The main share in the structure of food production occupy grain processing (23.8%), dairy (16.7%), bakery (13.5%), meat processing (13.6%), oil and fat (7.9%), fruits and vegetables (7.6%) and other industries (16.9%).

Since 2013, the production volume of meat and meat products in Kazakhstan increased by 17%, reaching 1 million tonnes in 2017. Additionally, in 2017, there were imported 244 thousand tonnes or 18% of the total meat consumption in Kazakhstan.

The country has a number of competitive advantages, which opens up good prospects for the further development of the industry in Kazakhstan:

- Land resources more than 70% of the land is occupied by arable crops and livestock.
- Climatic conditions the lands of Kazakhstan are located in four climatic zones, which provides the opportunity to grow a wide variety of crops.
- Potential markets there is a large potential demand from the countries of the CIS and Central Asia.
- High level of state support for the agro-industrial complex (State Program for the Development of the Agro-Industrial Complex of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2017-2021).

# Expansion of a poultry meat production complex

# **Project description**

Alel Agro is the largest poultry producer in Kazakhstan with a production capacity of 51 thd tonnes of poultry meat p.a. (26% of the market share in Kazakhstan). It is planned to expand the capacity to 165 thd tonnes and export the output. There is a substantial export potential in China, UAE and CIS countries with the total capacity of the market of imported poultry more than 1 million tonnes p.a. At the same time, the number of exports of poultry meat to Uzbekistan increased from 57 tonnes in 2016 to 172 tonnes in 2017.

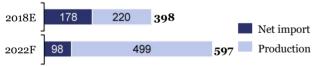
#### **Project location**



# Market analysis

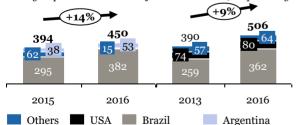
I. 50% of poultry meat consumed in Kazakhstan is imported. Also, a forecasted growth in consumption presents a case for safe-haven **hinter market**.

Poultry meat, 2018E and 2022F, thd tonnes



II. The potential realization markets - China and UAE - are currently on a growth trend. Also, bulk of the imports are from the countries with significantly higher import costs relative to Kazakhstan.

Poultry import in thd tonnes of China and UAE, respectively



# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Access to external markets
- Supply of broiler technologies

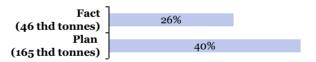
# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$329 MM |
|--------------------|----------|
| NPV                | \$107 MM |
| IRR                | 20%      |
| Payback period     | 8 years  |

# Competitive advantage

I. Now the business accounts for 26% of the entire inner market. The management of this enterprise already designed a comprehensive plan and arranged offtake contracts to increase the market share to 50%.

Actual and expected market share and production volumes, %



- II. Proximity to potential sales markets of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.
- III. Availability of own agro brands: Alel, ameral fresh, tasty chick and own parent flock, feed mill and equipment of leading technology suppliers.

#### Value proposition

This project will allow taking advantage **of import substitution** in the market with the further possibility of exporting products.

# Expansion of a poultry meat production complex

# **Project description**

The current production capacity of 8 thd tonnes p.a. is to be increased to 20 thd tonnes p.a. The existing company already exports its product to Kyrgyzstan. Thus, the end markets are Kazakhstan (80%) and Kyrgyzstan (20%). The project owner has a land plot of 536 hectares and the necessary infrastructure. The initiator expressed willingness to cover part of the required upfront investment.

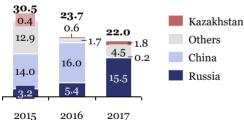
#### **Project location**



#### **Market analysis**

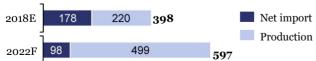
I. **Kyrgyzstan imports** >60% of poultry meat it consumes. Kazakhstan only supplied about 8% of Kyrgyzstan's total import.

 $Importers\ of\ poultry\ meat\ to\ Kyrgyzstan,\ thd\ tonnes$ 



II. Kazakhstan imports ~50% of poultry meat consumption. This and the forecasted growth in consumption present a case for a safe-haven **hinter** market.

Poultry meat, 2018E and 2022F, thd tonnes



# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Supply of broiler technologies
- Foreign distributor

# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$34 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$21 MM |
| IRR                | 24%     |
| 1 a) back period   | 6 years |

# Competitive advantage

- I. The initiator has a well-established sales of products to Kyrgyzstan, which accounts for 20% of the total production.
- II. Close proximity to sales markets: 270 km. To Bishkek (the capital of Kyrgyzstan).
- III. Price advantage when exporting to Kyrgyzstan.

Prices by countries exporting to Kyrgyzstan in 2017, thd USD/tonne



#### Value proposition

This project allows to capitalize on **existing trade relationship** with Kyrgyzstan by expanding the production volume and provide **import substitution**.

# Construction of a broiler poultry farm

# **Project description**

The project consists of a construction of a full-cycle broiler poultry farm with a floor housing and capacity of 20 000 tonnes of poultry meat p.a. At least 50% of the total production will be sold chilled and at least 50% of the output will be exported to the Eurasian Customs Union, Central Asia and Middle East countries. the Initiator of the project already owns a well-developed poultry farm with a 120 mln annual eggs production and a distribution network for poultry products.

# **Project location**



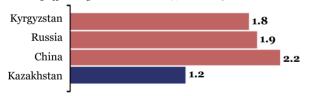
**Investment highlights** 

| Upfront investment | \$34 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$27 MM |
|                    |         |
| IRR                | 27%     |
| Payback period     | 7 years |

#### **Market analysis**

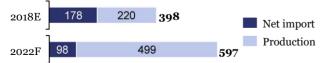
I. Export prices will be notably higher than the prices for domestic sale. This and the low export level of poultry meat (about 6 thd tonnes) favour the case of **exporting** the end product.

Prices by offtaking countries in 2017, thd USD/tonne



II. Kazakhstan imports ~50% of poultry meat consumption. This and the forecasted growth in consumption present a case for safe-haven hinter market.

Poultry meat in 2018E and 2022F, thd tonnes

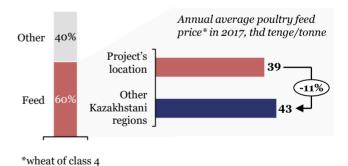


# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Supply of broiler technologies
- Long-term growth
- Foreign distributor

# Competitive advantage

Cost of feed takes up 60% of the total production cost of poultry meat. Feed is 50% wheat.



#### Value proposition

This project allows to capitalize on existing low **cost feed** compared to the rest of the country, know-how and provides safe marketing option.

# Construction of a feed yard and a cattle meat processing plant

# **Project description**

The project plan is to expand existing meat production and processing (steaks, sausages, offals) for export. The company exports 6 thd heads of sheep to Iran and more than 300 heads of cattle to Uzbekistan p.a. The company has already 20 ha land plot and estimates to sell 40 thd heads equivalent amount of meat p.a. The initiator was recognized as one of "100 new persons of Kazakhstan" for his business achievements and trusted relations with buyers.

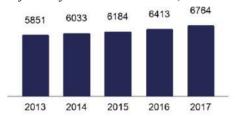
# **Project location**



#### **Market analysis**

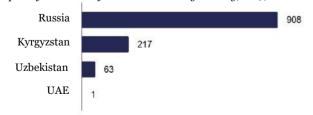
On the domestic beef market in Kazakhstan, meat is provided by more than 90%.

Volumes of cattle of the Kazakhstan market, thousand heads



The main markets for Kazakhstan meat are Russia, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

Export of cattle meat from Kazakhstan by country, 2017, tonnes



# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Able to provide an offtake contract
- A supplier of technologies

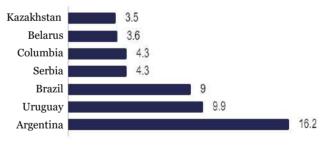
# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$16 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$15 MM |
| IRR                | 25%     |
| Payback period     | 7 years |

#### Competitive advantage

The cost of exported beef has a price advantage in the global market.

Price advantage in the Russian market in 2017, USD/kg



#### Value proposition

This project allows an investor to take advantage of growing export of meat to Iran and Uzbekistan. Price and quality are key potential drivers of sales.

# Construction of a cattle feedlot

# **Project description**

The project aim is to expand existing feedlot from 3,500 cattle to 25,000 cattle of rapid fattening, followed by the production of meat, meat products and sausages to 4,500 tonnes per year. The construction of plant was started in 2014, as well as the introduction of advanced breeding technologies, keeping and fattening livestock. It is also planned to purchase fodder crops, which will be sown on the feed area for intensive fattening of livestock.

# **Project location**

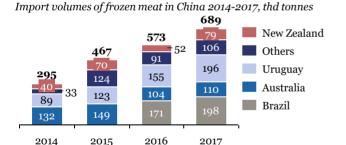


#### **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$19 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$10 MM |
| IRR                | 18%     |
| , 1                | 7 years |

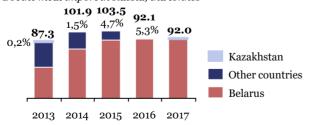
#### **Market analysis**

I. China is a fast-growing and lucrative market.



II. Another perspective offtaker of bovine meat is Russia.

Bovine meat import in Russia, thd tonnes



# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Long cheap financial resources
- Technologies

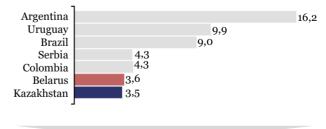
# Competitive advantage

The price of Kazakhstani bovine meat is compatible with other importers to China and Russia.

Bovine meat (frozen) import prices of China in 2017, USD/tonne



Bovine meat (fresh and chilled) import prices of Russia, 2017, thd USD/tonne



#### Value proposition

This project allows to take advantage of **exporting** to China while having **cost competitive advantage** within China's importer countries.

# **Production of tomato paste**

# **Project description**

The project plan is construction of a tomato processing plant, the final product of which will be tomato paste. The initiator of the project already has a land plot of 3 thd ha and building. The projected processing capacity is 1.5 thousand tonnes of tomato per day, which would provide 200-250 tonnes of tomato paste.

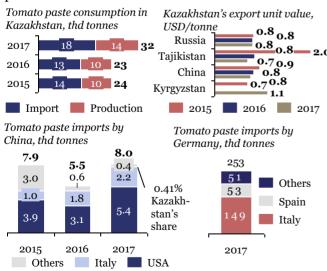
Besides import phasing, the owners target at exporting the end product to CIS countries, China, and Europe.

# **Project location**



#### **Market analysis**

Kazakhstan imports more than half of its tomato paste consumption. Only 5-8% of production is exported. **The total harvest of tomatoes in Kazakhstan was** ~740 thd tonnes **in 2017**. This presents a case for safe-haven **hinter market**.



# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Supply of production technologies
- · Access to external markets

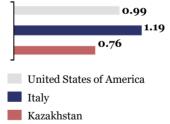
# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$23 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$63 MM |
| IRR                | 43%     |
| Payback period     | 4 years |

# Competitive advantage

Kazakhstan exports paste to China in limited amounts, but at a lower price than China's main suppliers – USA and Italy.

Import prices of China, USD/kg



Similar situation in volumes potential is observed in Germany, so that Kazakhstan has an opportunity to engage in exports of tomato paste to Europe.

#### Value proposition

This project allows to take advantage of **import substitution** in Kazakhstan and **exporting potential** with cost advantage compared to other importers.

# Production of flax oil

# **Project description**

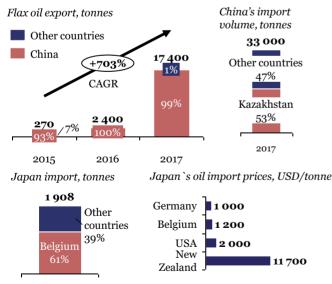
The project plan is to construct an oil plant with a capacity of 20 thousand tonnes of linseed oil per year. It is planned to install 10 acceptance points, to build a railway deadlock. The initiator of project has in his ownership necessary territory for the plant. He also land area of 16 thousand ha used for growing flax and rape seeds. It is also planned to purchase flax from small farms of the North-Kazakhstan region, that is one of the leaders in production of flax seeds in Kazakhstan.

# **Project location**



# **Market analysis**

Kazakhstan exports most produced flax oil to China. The amount of arable land is 831 thd ha in Kazakhstan. There is a potential of exporting product to Japan.



# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Offtake large volumes of oil
- Be a supplier of technologies
- Long-term investments

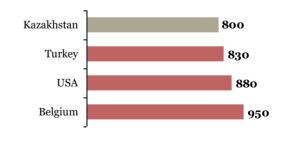
# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$20 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$36 MM |
| IRR                | 33%     |
| Payback period     | 5 years |

#### Competitive advantage

- I. High average oil yield from flax seeds in North Kazakhstan Region 50% of the total mass. Usually the standard yield is 30-40%.
- II. Kazakhstan has a cost advantage among other countries in exporting product to China.

China`s oil import prices in 2017, USD/tonne



#### Value proposition

This project allows to take advantage of **exporting product** having a **cost advantage** compared to other importers.

# Modernization of the starch plant for the production of citric acid

# **Project description**

The project plan is to modernize facility for deep processing of maize, with final product as citric acid. The planned capacity of processing citric acid is 10 000 tonnes per year. The company owns a land of 3 000 ha and currently processes maize to produce starch and molasses. Maize is mainly purchased from agricultural enterprises in Almaty region. Currently, the company has offtakes on existing product line with main consumers as Khamle and Rakhat.

# **Project location**



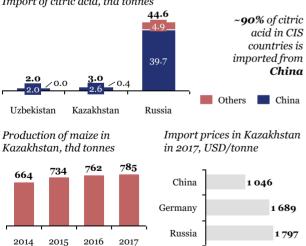
# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$22 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$33 MM |
| IRR                | 31%     |
| Payback period     | 6 years |

#### Market analysis

The share of import of citric acid consumption in most CIS countries is ~90%. Raw material for citric acid is maize, which has annual increase in production of ~5% in Kazakhstan.

Import of citric acid, thd tonnes

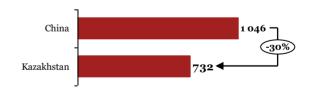


# Competitive advantage

Domestic price of citric acid will be 30% cheaper in comparison with import price of China, which has a status of cheapest exporter of product to CIS countries.

The company already has offtakes with large Kazakhstan confectionary companies.

Import price vs domestic price in 2017, USD/tonne



# Value proposition

This project allows to take advantage of import substitution on a market, while having cost competitive advantage.

# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Supply of production technologies
- Access to external markets

# Expansion of a greenhouse complex

# **Project description**

The project plan is construction of a greenhouse complex of 8ha, which will grow up to 5 000 tonnes of tomatoes. At the moment the company already has a complex of 12 ha with capacity of production up to 7 200 tonnes of vegetables located in Almaty city. The greenhouse complex will be built according to the Dutch technologies of the company "Dalsem". The company also has established offtakes and cooperates with companies such as "Magnum", "Lime Group" and others.

# **Project location**



# **Investment highlights**

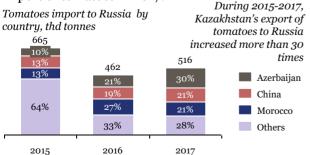
| Upfront investment | \$26 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$12 MM |
| IRR                | 18%     |
| Payback period     | 8 years |

#### **Market analysis**

I. Main exporters of tomatoes to Kazakhstan are Uzbekistan and China, with aggregate volume ~90% of total import in 2017.

Tomatoes import to Kazakhstan Average import prices of by country, thd tonnes tomatoes, USD/tonne 80 66 China **41**% 42% Uzbekistan 49% Uzbekistan Others China 2016 2017

II. Kazakhstan had ~1% of market share of Russian import of tomatoes in 2017.



Long cheap financial resources

**Target Investor Mandate** 

# Competitive advantage

Company has long-term offtake contracts for the whole amount of produced vegetables, 50% of which exports to Russia and 50% goes to internal market of Kazakhstan.

Company possesses greenhouse complex of 5th generation with most developed technologies.

Imported tomatoes price in Russia vs prices of producer in Kazakhstan. USD/tonne



Kazakhstan has comparative price advantage among other importers in Russian market.

#### Value proposition

This project allows to capitalize on implementation of modern greenhouse complex. Also, it allows to provide **import substitution** and **export** vegetables through having competitive export prices.

# Construction of a trout farm

# **Project description**

The project provides for the organization of the activities of a commercial fish breeding enterprise in the basins along the Chilik river, Almaty region, as well as in the cages at the Bartogai reservoir. The total volume of production will be 7 200 tonnes of trout fish per year. The company is the largest producer of rainbow trout in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan. The current capacity of production and processing of products is 600 tonnes of rainbow trout per year.

# **Project location**

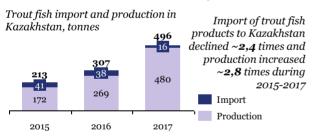


# **Investment highlights**

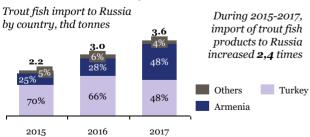
| Upfront investment | \$16 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$37 MM |
| IRR                | 41%     |
| Payback period     | 5 years |

#### Market analysis

I. Main exporter of trout fish products to Kazakhstan is Russia with share ~98%.



II. Main exporters of trout fish products to Russia are Armenia and Turkey with share ~95%.



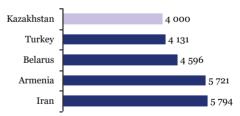
# **Target Investor Mandate**

Long cheap financial resources

# **Competitive advantage**

The company is the **largest producer** of rainbow trout in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, and it has long-term **offtake contracts** with Russia for the whole amount of produced trout fish.

 $Trout {\it fish import prices of Russia vs prices of producer in } {\it Kazakhstan, USD/tonne}$ 



Kazakhstan has comparative **price advantage** among other importers in Russian market.

#### Value proposition

The project has the benefits of location, possibility of **efficient** use of water resources for trout production, and potential for **import substitution** and increase **export volume.** 

# Construction of a broiler poultry farm

#### **Project description**

The project plan is a construction of a very efficient and brand new full-cycle broiler poultry farm based on floor housing. The maximum capacity of the production line is 10 thd tonnes of quality and very delicious poultry meat p.a. Investing in this business is particularly lucrative at the moment and the business is an unparalled investment vehicle since the initiator of the project has designed the farm using leading edge technologies. Currently, the company plans to sell its produce to inner market and neighboring countries including Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

#### **Project location**



#### Market analysis

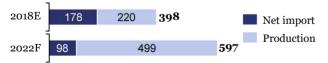
I. Export prices will be notably higher than the prices of domestic sales. This and the low export level of poultry meat (about 6 thd tonnes) favour the case of **exporting** the end product.

Prices by offtaking countries in 2017, thd USD/tonne



II. Kazakhstan imports ~50% of poultry meat consumption. This and the forecasted growth in consumption present a case for safe-haven **hinter** market.

Poultry meat in 2018E and 2022F, thd tonnes



# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Supply of broiler technologies
- Long-term supply of capital
- Foreign distributor

# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$22 MM  |
|--------------------|----------|
| NPV                | \$10 MM  |
| IRR                | 18%      |
| Payback period     | 10 years |

#### Competitive advantage

Kazakhstan exports poultry meat to Kyrgyzstan in small amounts, but at a lower price than Kyrgyzstan's main supplier – Russia.

 $\label{prices} \textit{Prices by countries exporting to Kyrgyzstan in 2017, thd USD/tonne}$ 



#### Value proposition

This project allows to capitalize on the **existing trade relationship** with Kyrgyzstan by expanding the production volume and provide **import substitution**.

# Expansion of the turkey meat producing farm

# **Project description**

The project plans the expansion of turkey meat production plant to 20 thousand tonnes, creation of a breeding reproducer and modernization of the deep processing plant. Current production capacity is 9.5 thousand tonnes of turkey meat in live weight and 7.7 thousand tonnes in slaughter weight. The company produces more than 85 products from turkey meat: sausage, smoked and other delicacies. There is a land plot of more than 200 hectares.

# **Project location**



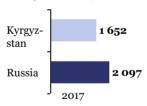
#### **Market analysis**

Kazakhstan already exports turkey meat to Russian and Kyrgyzstan. Moreover there came up a need in substitution of imports for a turkey meat.

Kazakhstan's export of turkey meat, tonnes



Kazakhstan's export price of turkey meat, USD/tonne



Kazakhstan's import price of

Kazakhstan's import of turkey meat, tonnes



2015 2016 2017

#### **Target Investor Mandate**

- Supply of technologies
- Access to external markets

# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$44 MM  |
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| NPV                | \$49 MM  |
| IRR                | 18%      |
| Payback period     | 11 years |

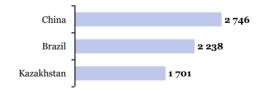
# Competitive advantage

The only company in Kazakhstan that grows turkeys and manufactures products from its meat in industrial scale.

Company has long term offtake contracts with 4 wholesale buyers: 2 in Kazakhstan, 1 in Russia and 1 in Kyrgyzstan.

Kazakhstan has the lowest price on product in Russian import market

Russia import price on turkey meat in 2017, USD/tonne



Kazakhstan has the cheapest import price in Russia among importers of turkey meat

#### Value proposition

This project allows to **capitalize on existing industrial base** and take advantage of **expanding export volumes** in CIS countries.

# Construction of a complex for the production of baby food

# **Project description**

The project plan is the construction of a complex for the production of baby food with a capacity of 25 000 tonnes per year (20 000 tonnes of baby food on the base of milk and 5 000 tonnes on vegetables). The implementation of the project involves 3 stages: 1 - construction of a new plant for the production of baby food; 2 - construction of a dairy farm for 2,4 thousand heads; 3 - creation of an irrigation array for 5 000 ha for the development of the resource base (with expansion up to 10 000 ha).

#### **Project location**



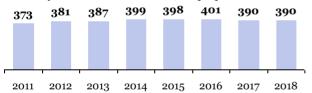
#### **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$17 MM |
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| NPV                | \$15 MM |
| IRR                | 28%     |
| Payback period     | 5 years |

# Market analysis

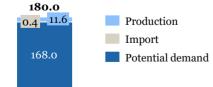
One of the factors in the demand for baby food is a steady increase in the birth rate.

Number of newborns in Kazakhstan, thd people



The demand for baby food based on milk and dairy products for children from 0 to 4 years reaches up to 180 thousand tonnes per year. Production in Kazakhstan is 11.5 thousand tonnes, which covers less than 7% of the demand.

Import, production and demand for baby food based on milk in Kazakhstan, thd tonnes/year



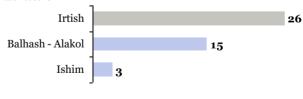
# **Target Investor Mandate**

Competency to transfer technologies

# Competitive advantage

- I. Own resource base: it is planned to build a farm with 2.4 thousand heads for the production of the highest quality own milk.
- II. High water flow: Irtish river basin has substantial amount of water and has average water flow of 9 bln m<sup>3</sup> a year. High quality milk can be achieved due to Irtish river, which gives advantage in terms of water supply in comparison with other producers.

Indicators of water resources availability in river basins, cubic kilometers



#### Value proposition

The project allows to capitalize on the growing demand for milk-based baby food products and to meet unsatisfied domestic demand for products.

# Expansion of the duck production farm

# **Project description**

The project plan is to expand production of ducks from 150 tonnes to 6 thousand tonnes of poultry meat per year and 3.3 million heads of poultry per year. The initiator is a large agricultural holding in the North Kazakhstan region, which produces grains, oilseeds, leguminous crops and breeds cattle. It also has 430 thousand hectares, 540 units in the machine-tractor park and a storage capacity of 550 thousand tonnes.

# **Project location**



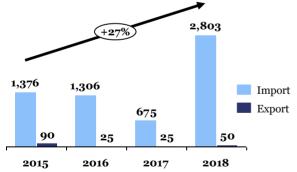
#### **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$26 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$13 MM |
| IRR                | 17%     |
| Payback period     | 9 years |

#### **Market analysis**

There is an increase in imports of duck meat over the past 4 years. The growth accounted for 27%, which shows an increase in demand for the product in the Kazakhstan market.

Import and export of duck meat in Kazakhstan, tonnes



During 2014-2017, main importers in Kazakhstan were the following countries: Hungary (58%), Russaia (28%) and USA (14%). At the same time, Kazakhstan exported duck meat to: Russia (28,24 tonnes) and UAE (0,01 tonnes).

# **Target Investor Mandate**

Competency to transfer technologies

# Competitive advantage

I. The sale price of duck meat, which JSC "Atameken agro" charges, is 35% lower than the price of imported duck meat.

Sale price of duck meat, thd USD/tonne



II. Average price of bird feed in North Kazakhstan region is 10% lower than the average price in other regions.

Average price of bird feed, tenge/kg



Bird feed is one of the main operating expenditures, which accounts for 60% of total operating expenditures.

#### Value proposition

The project allows to occupy a niche in the domestic market as the largest producer of duck meat and produce 6 000 tonnes of poultry meat per year.

# Construction of a greenhouse complex

# **Project description**

The project plan is construction of a greenhouse complex of 12 ha located in Uralsk, West Kazakhstan region. The complex will allow to grow up to 4 400 tonnes of cucumbers and 3 400 tonnes of tomatoes per year. At the moment the company already has a complex of 12 ha with capacity of production up to 7 200 tonnes of vegetables located in Almaty city. The greenhouse complex will be built according to the Dutch technologies of the company "Dalsem". The company is planning to export their product to Russia.

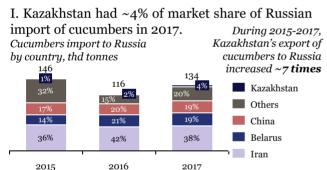
# **Project location**



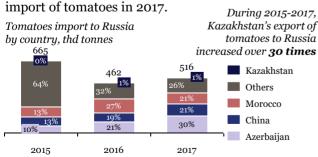
# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$39 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$14 MM |
| IRR                | 16%     |
| Payback period     | 8 years |

# Market analysis



# II. Kazakhstan had ~1% of market share of Russian



# **Target Investor Mandate**

Long cheap financial resources preferably in Russia's ruble

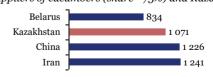
# Competitive advantage

- **1. Long-term offtake contracts:** company has long-term offtake contracts for the whole amount of produced vegetables, which exports to Russia.
- **2. Price advantage:** Kazakhstan has comparative price advantage among other importers in Russian market.

Import prices of vegetables to Russia, 2017, USD/tonne
Top-3 suppliers of tomatoes (share ~70%) and Kazakhstan



Top-3 suppliers of cucumbers (share ~75%) and Kazakhstan



#### Value proposition

This project allows to capitalize **export** of vegetables through having competitive export prices.





Electrical energy industry is the basic industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

In 2017, 102,383.6 million kWh of electricity was produced in Kazakhstan, which is 8.8% more than in 2016. Electricity consumption in the country increased by 6% compared to 2016 and amounted to 97 856, 6 million kWh.

In Kazakhstan, about 80%, or 82.4 billion kWh, of electricity is produced in thermal power plants. About 11% is produced in hydroelectric power plants. The remaining 9% of the electricity needs are covered by gas turbine, wind and solar power plants.

The state is working to increase the use of renewable energy sources (RES). In 2017, there is an increase in electricity production at solar (by 4% by 2016) and wind (by 23.5% by 2016) power plants.

The major share of electricity consumption in Kazakhstan is occupied by large industrial enterprises of the metallurgical and chemical industries. The highest power consumption is observed in Pavlodar, Karaganda and Almaty regions.

Kazakhstan imports small amounts of electricity from Russia; in 2017, imports amounted to 1,259.9 million kWh.

# Expansion of gas turbine power station GTES-200 Uralsk

#### **Project description:**

Expansion of the existing gas turbine power station (GTES-200 Uralsk) by modifying it into a combined-cycle system (operated through gas and steam).

Power capacity: 300 MW

**Location:** Kazakhstan, West-Kazakhstan Oblast, Zelenovsky District, Beles village

**Project initiator:** Batys Power LLP

#### **Existing debt obligations of the Initiator:**

about US\$ 100 million (the possibility of refinancing a foreign currency loan into KZT (tenge) denominated loan is being considered)

#### **Key investment indicators**

| Indicator                            | Results |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Project implementation period, years | 24      |
| incl. investment stage, years        | 6       |
| operating stage, years               | 18      |
| Investment amount, US\$ thous.       | 340,000 |
| Project NPV, US\$ thous.             | 217,018 |
| IRR, %                               | 17.5%   |
| EBITDA margin, %                     | 47-60%  |
| Payback period, years                | 11.4    |
| Discounted payback period, years     | 15.5    |

#### **Project scheme**

#### Existing power station (100 MW)

· GE MS 9001E gas turbine

#### Expansion (300 MW)

- 2 GE MS 9001E gas turbines
- Expansion of an operational cycle of gas turbines by modifying it into a combined-cycle system, through addition of:
  - Waste heat recovery units
  - K-60-7,4 type steam turbine

All of the infrastructure required for the expansion of the power plant has already been built

#### Market prerequisites:

#### High electricity prices in the region

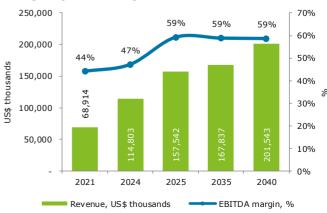
The Western energy zone is isolated from the country's energy system and does not have an access to cheap electricity from the Northern Energy Zone. Electricity prices for industrial enterprises (main consumers) in Atyrau Oblast are the highest in the country, while in West Kazakhstan Oblast they rank among the highest across the country.

Increase in energy consumption Almost the entire oil and gas industry is concentrated in Atyrau Oblast and West Kazakhstan Oblast. These regions house enterprises that are carrying out or have already completed major modernization projects (e.g. enterprises such as Atyrau Refinery, Karachaganak Petroleum Operating, Tengiz, CPC), which leads to an increase in electricity consumption.

Proximity to raw material resources GTES-200 Uralsk has an underwater pipeline connected to the major pipeline "Soyuz", which ensures provision of an uninterrupted supply of natural gas. In addition, West-Kazakhstan Oblast is one of the leading oblasts in the Republic of Kazakhstan in terms of gas reserves and gas production. This ensures stability and diversification potential for supplying gas for the operation of the power plant.

**Establishing electricity exports** The creation of a unified electricity market within the framework of the Eurasian Economic Union will enable the Project to set up exports of electricity to Russia and Belarus, where electricity prices will be set by market conditions. GTES-200 Uralsk is connected to the power system of Russia through the Stepnaya electrical substation and has sufficient transmission capacities for large-scale export deliveries.

#### **Project profitability**



# Construction of a hydroelectric power plant

# **Project description**

The project plan is to build a hydroelectric power plant on the Koksu river in the Almaty oblast. The design capacity is 82 MW. The area of the plant on the Koksu riverfront amounts to 100 hectares that meets the requirements for the sufficient power generation. The government has already approved the blueprints for the construction of the power plant. The initiator of the project has a Power Purchasing Agreement with Financial settlement centre of renewable energy for 15 years.

# **Project location**



# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$38 MM |
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| NPV                | \$12 MM |
| IRR                | 21%     |
| Payback period     | 7 years |

#### **Market analysis**

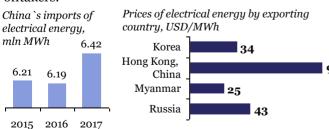
Currently 35% of electricity consumed in the oblast is purchased outside of the oblast.

Oblast's economy is forecasted to grow at a CAGR of 6% till 2022 which will drive the demand for energy.

Electrical energy balance in Almaty region, 2017, bn kWh



The initiator is also negotiating with Chinese offtakers.



# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Long-term financing
- Supply of technologies

# Competitive advantage

- I. There is a 15-year offtake contract for 100% of energy generation.
- II. The law *On support of the usage of RES* set fixed tariffs for renewable energy adjusted yearly for inflation and foreign currency exchange rate. The tariff is 70% indexed by CPI and 30% by exchange rate.

RES energy tariff change from 2015 to 2017



#### Value proposition

This project allows to take advantage of **electrical energy supply shortage** in Almaty region.





**The tourism industry** in the Republic of Kazakhstan is included in the list of priority areas for the development of the country's economy.

The Republic of Kazakhstan has a rich tourist and recreational potential for the development of the tourism industry.

For the development of this industry, the state provides significant support for the economic transformation of tourism into a full-fledged competitive industry (Concept of the development of the tourism industry until 2023).

Within the framework of the Concept, Kazakhstan plans to create and develop six regional cultural and tourist clusters, including the implementation of projects for the development of the Shchuchinsko-Borovskoe resort area, the Kok Zhailau ski resort, Kaskasu and the Kenderli resort zones.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is making significant changes and advances in the field of legislation in the sphere of tourism and in the field of the visa-migration regime.

In recent years, the Republic of Kazakhstan has strengthened its rates of international tourism - in 2017, the number of foreign tourists was about 7.7 million people, which is 18% more than in 2016

Work is underway to develop domestic tourism. The number of domestic tourists in 2017 amounted to about 5.6 million people, which is 22% more than in 2016

# Construction of the "Akkol resort" recreation area

# **Project description**

The project plan is to construct a resort close to the capital of Kazakhstan - Astana. The key driver is a growing population of the most wealthy region of the country and a lack of large resorts near Astana, where in 2017 the population amounted to 973 thd people. The resort has a logistics advantage in a growing segment of the market. It is expected that the company will provide 126 rooms, 15 guest houses, 3 conference rooms and offer SPA, sports and restaurant services for guests.

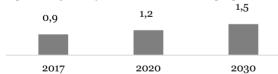
#### **Project location**



#### **Market analysis**

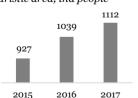
Expected urbanization in Astana drives demand for recreational spaces. Expansion of market will boost necessity for range of variety and number of services available for recreational purposes.

Population growth forecasts in Astana, mln people

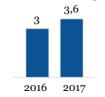


Number of visitors to touristic areas in the region is increasing. There is also a steady growth of foreign tourists in Kazakhstan, who are also expected to be resort visitors.

Number of residents in selected touristic area, thd people



Number of foreign tourists in Kazakhstan, mln people



# **Target Investor Mandate**

Long cheap financial resources

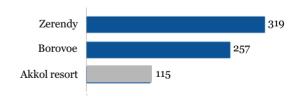
# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$35 MM |
|--------------------|---------|
| NPV                | \$22 MM |
| IRR                | 19%     |
| Payback period     | 7 years |

#### Competitive advantage

- I. Well-established infrastructure that allows frequent and fast movement to the location of a potential hotel.
- II. Distance to the area is twice shorter from Astana than to other large recreational centres in the region (Borovoe and Zerendy). This factor can attract citizens of Astana and frequency of tourists is expected to be higher than of competitors.

Distance of largest resort areas from Astana, km



# Value proposition

This project proposes to take advantage of **the growing tourism demand** in the most developed region of country.

# Construction of "Kokterek" resort town

# **Project description**

The project plan is to build a new resort town "Kokterek" (in the village "Saryagash") in order to develop health tourism by providing services with mineral and thermal waters. The project includes a hotel, a sanatorium, indoor and outdoor swimming pools (thermal water) and spa. The advantage of this project is its proximity to Uzbekistan, source of current tourists in Kazakhstan. Also, the availability of natural mineral water Saryagash.

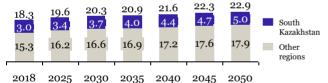
# **Project location**



#### Market analysis

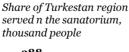
Expected population growth creates demand for increase in domestic tourism.

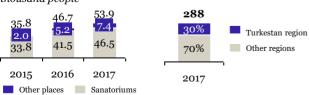
Forecast of population growth in short-term in Turkestan region, mln people



Growth of visitors in the resort sanatorium of the Turkestan region from 2015-2017. increased by **50%**.

Number of users served in sanatoriums Saryagash region, thousand people





# **Target Investor Mandate**

- Long cheap financial resources
- Transfer of advanced technologies

# **Investment highlights**

| Upfront investment | \$162 MM |
|--------------------|----------|
| NPV                | \$16 MM  |
| IRR                | 11%      |
| Payback period     | 12 years |

#### **Competitive advantage**

- I. Share of visitors to resort organizations: the largest region in Kazakhstan by the volume of visitors in resort organizations is SKO, 30% of the market, most of which, ~55% is in the region of Saryagash.
- II. Advantageous geographical location: the resort area is near historical places of Kazakhstan and in 15 km. from Uzbekistan, which will additionally provide growth of foreign tourists.
- III. Favorable natural conditions: the project is located near the unique sources of mineral waters of Saryagash, where tourists have been coming from around the world for about 6 years.

#### Value proposition

The project provides opportunity to use unique location in Kazakhstan and develop both internal and external tourism.