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**Actual Investment Database of
Projects in Aktope Region,
Kazakhstan****Production of welding electrodes**Aim of the project: **Vintage
Welding Electrode MP-3 Type E-46**

Investment size: 355 000 \$

Investment type: green-field project

Aim of the project: production of
electrodes for Aktope region, other
western regions of Kazakhstan, the
border region of the Russian
Federation**Wind capacity 100MW**Aim of the project: **Wind capacity
100MW**

Investment size: 243 Million \$

Investment type: green-field project

Aim of the project: Conversion of
wind energy to electrical energy**Bitumen Plant**Aim of the project: **Production of
550 thousand tons of bitumen**

Investment size: 21 Million \$

Investment type: the construction in
progressMore detailed information with the
list of projects and all other details
can be found here:<http://baseinvest.kz/project>Please contact with Aktope
Investment service center if you are
interested about project at Aktope
region by e-mail:zine591@gmail.comaziz_amanbayev@mail.ruby phone: +77077777089,
+7708 1866033Upcoming Exhibitions and
Conferences in Kazakhstan:13-15 April 2016, Almaty, Atakent
"Protection, Security, Rescue & Fire
safety Exhibition" 6th International
Exhibition and 2nd Kazakhstan
International "Information
Technologies, Security &
Communication Exhibition"27-28 April 2016, Astana, Korme
Expo Center 12th Central Asian
International Exhibition and
Conference for Environmental
Technologies, Waste Management**Kazakhstan Allocates
Additional \$4.2 Billion to
Develop Transport
Infrastructure**

According to the Ministry for Investment and Development's Committee on Highways, 1.5 trillion tenge (US\$4.2 billion) has been allocated to support domestic transport. It has allowed Kazakhstan to enter the World Economic Forum global competitiveness ranking and climb 30 positions up, reaching the 58th place in the past year in this category.

"Currently, six international transport corridors are functioning on the territory of Kazakhstan, including North, South and Central corridors and TRACECA (Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia). In order to improve the competitiveness of these corridors, we mostly focused on development of the transport infrastructure," explained Head of the Transit Development and Transport Logistics Department Dauren Sabitov.

He also recalled Centre-South, Centre-West and Centre-East roads, which being internal routes, partly compose the international transport corridors. Their reconstruction will contribute to the development of international transportation.

Furthermore, the Western Europe-Western China highway project will help reduce transcontinental transportation terms by 10-12 days and provide better integration of Kazakhstan into the transit networks of China, Russia and the Middle East. Another transport project the country is now participating in is the Silk Road Economic Belt, which should create a bridge between Europe and Asia. The transport infrastructure in the west of the country is also under development. The Aktau International Sea Port is going to be further expanded.

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<http://astanatimes.com/2016/03/kazakhstan-allocates-additional-4-2-billion-to-develop-transport-infrastructure/>

**THE PROBLEMS OF
INVESTORS
DISCUSSED IN MID
OF KAZAKHSTAN**

Kazakhstan investors' concern about taxation, customs regulation, migration, labor and land relations, construction and licensing. This

Recycling, Industrial Water Treatment & Green Innovations

More detailed information with the list of upcoming exhibitions and all other details can be found here:

<http://www.iteca.kz/en/>

EBRD Projects in Kazakhstan

Aktobe Water

Country: Kazakhstan

Project number: 47750

Business sector: Municipal and environmental infrastructure

Notice type: Public

Environmental category: B

Status: Signed

PSD disclosed: 30 April 2012

Project description and objectives:

The EBRD is considering providing a loan of up to KZT 2.0 billion to Joint Stock Company "Akbulak", a water and wastewater management company in the city of Aktobe, Kazakhstan, to support the rehabilitation and upgrade of the water supply and wastewater management system in Aktobe.

The loan will allow to replace parts of the obsolete water supply network and modernise the wastewater management system operated by Akbulak. This will reduce energy and water losses, increase reliability and quality of provided water services, reduce maintenance and operating costs, as well as reduce the negative environmental impact.

The client: Joint Stock Company "Akbulak", a municipally owned water and wastewater company in the city of Aktobe, Kazakhstan.

EBRD finance: Senior corporate loan to the Company in the amount of KZT 2.0 billion (€9.4 million equivalent).

Total project cost: KZT 4.0 billion (€18.7 million equivalent) including related technical cooperation to support the Company with the project preparation and implementation. Co-financing grant contributions from the state budget under the Enhanced Partnership Framework Arrangement ("EPFA"), signed between the EBRD and the Government of Kazakhstan (the "Government") in May 2014, in the amount of up to KZT 1.4 billion (€6.4 million) and from the City / Oblast Akimats in the amount of up to KZT 0.3 billion (€1.6 million) are also envisaged and will be partially used to cover the capital expenditure components as well as taxes and fees associated with the Project's implementation.

was announced at a regular meeting of the Interagency Working Group on issues arising in the course of investment activity in the Republic of Kazakhstan. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Investment Ombudsman - Minister for Investment and Development of Kazakhstan Asset Issekeshv.

The meeting discussed issues of nine companies operating in the engineering industry, agriculture, engineering and construction of housing and civil objects, in the production of high-tech equipment for various fields of industry, transport and communications, and others. ©BNEWS KZ, March 12, 2016

http://bnews.kz/en/news/ekonomika_i_biznes/the_problems_of_investors_discussed_in_mid_of_kazakhstan-2016_03_12-1261654



By the end of 2016 the annual inflation rate in Kazakhstan not to exceed 8%: the head of National Bank

According to the National Bank of Kazakhstan, inflation rate will decline and will not exceed 8% by the end of the year, that is, it will return to the designated corridor, said Daniyar Akishev, chairman of the National Bank of Kazakhstan during the National Forum "Corporate Governance: a new perspective on the investment attractiveness of Kazakhstan," "The main efforts of the National Bank in 2016 will be aimed at achieving the inflation target in the corridor, which is determined at the rate of 6 to 8%. According to the National Bank, inflation rate will decline and will not exceed 8% by the end of the year, that is, it will return to the designated corridor," he said. At the same time, the head of the National Bank noted that the size of the base rate maintained at 17% on March 14, 2016. "In our opinion, we have not developed the necessary conditions for its reduction. Signs of stabilization of prices on the world oil market is fragile, annual inflation remains high," said D.Akishev. ©BNEWS KZ, March 12, 2016



The Asian Development bank and Eurasian Development Bank will work together to invest \$ 3 billion

These banks will invest \$3 Billion in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia and Tajikistan, reported Public Finance International. ADB President Takeniko Nakao and EDB Chairman Dmitry Pankin signed a corresponding co-financing agreement and discussed deepening cooperation between the financial institutions. The ADB will provide \$2 billion for the projects by 2021; the EDB will deliver \$1 billion. ©Astana Times, March 16, 2016

Aktobe District Heating

Country: Kazakhstan

Project number: 47569

Business sector: Municipal and environmental infrastructure

Notice type: Public

Environmental category: B

Target board date: 22 Jul 2015

Status: Signed

PSD disclosed: 30 Apr 2012

Project Description

The EBRD is considering providing a senior loan of up to KZT 2.5 billion to Joint Stock Company

"Transenergo" (the "Company"), a district heating company in the city of Aktobe, in Kazakhstan, to support the rehabilitation and upgrade of the district heating (DH) production facilities and distribution network in Aktobe.

The project aims to rehabilitate and modernise the district heating production facilities and the main networks operated by the Company. This would result in enhanced energy efficiency, reduction in technical and commercial losses and improvements in environmental standards.

The Client

Joint Stock Company "Transenergo", a municipally owned DH company in the city of Aktobe, Kazakhstan.

EBRD Finance:

Senior corporate loan to the Company in the amount of KZT 2.5 billion (€11.6 million equivalent).

It is expected that the EBRD loan will be co-financed by a KZT 0.7 billion (€3.25 million equivalent) loan on concessionary terms from the Clean Technology Fund.

Project Cost: KZT 4.07 billion.

Business opportunities

For business opportunities or procurement, contact the client company.

For state-sector projects, visit EBRD

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Aktobe Region Investment Opportunities Presented to Diplomatic Business Club

Developing Aktobe region as an investment destination was the theme of the March 28 Diplomatic Business Club meeting. The event, held in the capital's Rixos Hotel, was initiated by the region's akimat (administration) with support from the Kazakh Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The aim of Aktobe – Investments and Development was to present the region's \$11.2 billion investment projects in the food, mining and chemical industries, metallurgy, and hotel business. The region plans to launch six more projects this year, including cement, nickel and solid waste processing plants. The Foreign Minister Erlan Idrissov spoke about the conditions established by Kazakhstan for the development of the business climate for investors to the foreign ambassadors and businessmen. "We hope that this will be the impetus for investment in our region," said Aktobe region Akim (governor) Berdybek Saparbayev. Based on the results of the last five years, Aktobe region is second in the country in terms of attracting foreign investments. The region has trade relations with 100 countries and the total foreign trade volume reached \$3.7 billion, 84 percent of which represents exports of Aktobe goods and services. ©Astana times, March 29, 2016



Ambassador presented his credentials to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev 15/03/2016

"Trade and economic cooperation is an important component of our relationship. Nowadays more than 270 enterprises with Israeli capital are working successfully in Kazakhstan, and it is important to develop cooperation in all areas in the current crisis. The informative technology, innovation, medicine and agriculture are promising areas for future joint activities. In frame of the Astana international exhibition «EXPO-2017» we are interested in the advanced Israeli technology and know-how in the field of alternative energy. We welcome the willingness of Israel to the signing of the Agreement on free trade zone with the Eurasian Economic Union. I am confident that the planned official visit of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Astana will give impetus to the deepening of bilateral ties, " - said Nursultan Nazarbayev. ©www.akorda.kz

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