



Investment possibilities
of municipal formation

SLANTSY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT LENINGRAD REGION



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Slantsy District is situated in the South-West of Leningrad Region in the interfluvies of rivers Narva and Luga; in the north and east it is adjacent to Kingisepp, Volosovo, and Luga Districts of Leningrad Region, in the south – to Gdov and Plyussa Districts of Pskov Region. As of 1993, the district's western border is the state border between Russian Federation and Republic of Estonia along the Narva River.

The city of Slantsy, the district's administrative centre with the area of 3,600 hectares, is located 192 km away from St. Petersburg. The district's total area is 219,100 hectares. Over a half of this area – 117,000 hectares – is forest lands; agricultural lands account for 77,000 hectares – one third of the district's area.

The city of Slantsy is situated at the St. Petersburg – Gdov railroad line. Motorways link Slantsy District with St. Petersburg, Pskov, Luga, Gdov, Novgorod, and Ivangorod. The district has established trade relations with both neighbouring countries and Western Europe – Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Sweden, and Norway.

Slantsy Municipal District is comprised of 7 primary level municipal units – one city of Slantsy and six village settlements – Vyskatskoye, Gostitskoye, Zagrivskoye, Novoselskoye, Staropolskoye, and Chernovskoye.

Slantsy District has 44,800 inhabitants, most of whom reside in urban areas.





The district's principal mineral wealth is oil shale; its geological reserves amount to 5-7 billion tonnes. Besides sections of the oil shale field mined underground, there are prospective areas where open pit mining is possible. Present economic conditions call for the minimal volume of oil shale production; the oil shale processing capacity of OAO Zavod Slantsy (Slantsy Factory) is not being used. Oil shale is a potential long-term raw material for chemical industry.

Other minerals of industrial significance are peat, marl, clays, sands, limestone, and sapropel. OAO Tsesla makes wide use of limestone in its production of concrete.

Slantsy is the only district in Leningrad Region with the total area of explored mineral deposits and occurrences exceeding three quarters of the district's area. Due to the presence of this massive amount of minerals, mining is a prioritized industry.

Investment activity has increased over the recent years. New enterprises are being built and put into operation and new jobs are created; these current changes allow the people of Slantsy to make optimistic plans. The industry producing construction materials is growing. In late 2008, ZAO EvroAeroBeton – a new factory producing aerated concrete – was launched. The planned output volume is going to be 165,000 m³ per year.

Construction of a new concrete factory, OOO Tsement, is another large-scale project being implemented in the district. Huge industrial buildings are being erected on a 40-hectare plot next to artificial mountains – waste banks left over from oil shale mining. The first stage of the factory is due to be launched in 2010.

OAO Slantsy Concrete Factory Tsesla is also stepping up investments in its basic capital. Tsesla is one of the largest concrete factories in Russia's North-West; it is part of the international concrete producing Heidelberg Cement Group. The key to its success is efficient labour management and staff professionalism; each staff member has at least 10 years' work experience in the construction industry.

A branch of ZAO Hors-Silikon, a mechanical rubber producing enterprise, is active in the district; at present, its entire silicone moulding production has been moved from St. Petersburg to Slantsy.

OAO Polimer is the only company in the entire North-West producing noise- and vibration-attenuating rubber parts used in the reconstruction of railroad bed. The company has a large capacity for tyre recycling.

The two large enterprises of agricultural industry directed their 2008 investments towards purchasing agricultural machinery.



A more dynamic investment activity was the result of Slantsy municipal district administration participating in some international projects aiming to enhance cooperation between business structures in cross-border regions. Establishment of new companies partly founded on Estonian stock was aided by the work performed by the EstRuComService project in 2004-2005; the project's objective was to set up an Estonian-Russian Centre for Commercial Cooperation (EstRuCom) and a network of partner organizations supporting entrepreneurship in cross-border regions of Estonian North-East and Russian North-West. A car-battery recycling company OOO Ekorusmetall intended to build a plant (the project has been put on hold due to the crisis situation in the country). A fabricated metals producing OOO Ekoprom and a fish processing OOO Magistr have already started their production.

The project "Clusters development and B2B internationalization in Estonian -Russian trans-border regions" is a follow-up to this project and creates new opportunities for commercial activity developing small and medium-sized enterprises in the region, expanding international cooperation in the business sphere, and offering access to new markets.

Experience of participation in international projects has been applied to form a network of

structures supporting small entrepreneurship. In 2008, a business incubator was founded on the basis of Foundation for Support of Small Entrepreneurship "Social Business Centre".

Slantsy District possesses sufficient power capacity for industrial expansion. Under present circumstances, only half of the district's energy resources are being used. Availability of vacant production capacity, areas supplied with engineering infrastructure for diversification of district's economy, old industrial grounds provided with all necessary engineering services including waste treatment plants – all these contribute to make the district attractive to investors. Allocation of property on vacant territory to accommodate new industrial enterprises is being planned. Property units will be allocated subject to specifics and investor's potential capacity. In line with the concept of the area's social and economic development, investors are encouraged to start processing and woodworking companies as well as assembly and machine building plants. Peat and sapropel deposits could become a basis for industrial development in rural areas. Products obtained from their processing are in demand in agricultural industry (fertilizers, forage additives for livestock). The territory of Slantsy District includes large woodlands. Over a half of the potential logging area is not being used.





Low grade of timber and prevalence of leaf wood require a non-standard approach – new technological methods of processing low-grade wood into intermediates for chemical industry, high-grade charcoal, and producer gas.

Vacant land suitable for farming can be used to grow fodder grains, flax, and special technical crops for confectionery, medical, pharmaceutical, and perfume industries, e.g. grow and perform primary processing of aromatic herbs.

Property of three former state farms – Staropolsky, Avrora, and partly Slantevsky – is currently in desolation. The total area of arable land at these farms amounts to 11,000 hectares. This is the reserve that may be used to build up new agricultural production, providing that the issue of ownership for these premises is resolved; as a consequence, this will work to advance the development of rural areas.

The city's industrial zones contain several land plots with the total area of 50 hectares that require additional investment to supply them with service lines. The territory belonging to OAO Avtomobilist with the total area of 1.5 hectares is already supplied with all engineering services and can be used to accommodate an industrial park of high-tech organizations.

The proposed general plan of the city of Slantsy envisages expansion of city borders to form a new industrial zone with the total area of over 500 hectares.

Slantsy District has abundant water resources. The major waterway is the river of Plyussa flowing into Narva Reservoir. This is the second longest river of the Leningrad Region, and 30 per cent of its length is navigable. One of the most prominent lakes is Samro, the wa-

ter of which contains iodides. The district also has access to its own section of the Peipsi Lake shore. There is unique landscape around Lake Dolgoye, which is famous as the lake with the cleanest water in the Leningrad Region. Various water areas (rivers Plyussa, Narva, Dolgaya, etc.) and numerous lakes (Peipsi, Dolgoye, Samro, etc.) are in a good ecological condition. There are sizeable forested areas, rich in flora, fauna, berries, and mushrooms. Availability of stable natural recreational resources combined with technical capabilities forms the basis for their use for health-improving and tourist purposes. These scenic areas have become favourite holiday spots not only for the people of Slantsy but also for visitors from St. Petersburg. They are attracted by clean water and nearby forests, abundant in mushrooms and berries.

Over a half of the district's area is covered with forested areas. The district's administration has adopted the policy of improving the image of areas distant from the city as the most attractive for health-improving tourism. The location remote from St. Petersburg has left a large undeveloped potential for starting a network of holiday villages in the district. Integral components of recreational tourism are local sights and opportunities for active holidays. The picturesque riverbanks of Narova and Plyussa, the smooth surface of Lake Dolgoye, the historic spots around Lake Kushelskoye, the tranquillity of vast forests, and the clean air – all these have become the basis for entrepreneurial and creative initiative in the development of such types of tourism as aquatic, pedestrian, and farm tourism. This attracts fishermen, athletes, people who



prefer staying at holiday villages and farms or taking journeys.

Some unique landmark buildings are the Church of Archangel Michael in Sizhno, which is the oldest building in the district, the Church of the Intercession of the Holy Mother of God in Kozya Gora, and the Church of St. George the Victorious in Lozhgolovo. Some buildings being restored are the Church of the Nativity of Christ in Staropolye and a majestic Byzantine church named after the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God in Zaruchye, a miracle-working place with a trace of the Mother of God. Guests can see these churches and visit the holy sites of Slantsy by taking a pilgrim journey.

Development of farm tourism in the district

offers an opportunity to get acquainted with the rural way of life and the beautiful countryside of our area.

Certainly, the district's chief resource is its people.

Masters of the "Svoyasi" family club from the House of Russian Folk Art in the village of Novoselye can make a piece of tree bark into a work of genuine Russian art. Carriers of musical and song traditions of our land are the ethnographic folk group of Savinovshina village and the ethnographic folk song group Vesenka from the village of Guseva Gora. As we listen to old songs, we understand the thousand-year depth of Russian history, the wealth of traditional Russian culture and its spiritual and moral foundations.





There are a number of regional events taking place in the district that are attractive for event tourism: the regional puppet show festival 'Puppet House', the festival of Orthodox art, the Day of Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Princess Olga, the Autumn Fair, the New Year's Fun Festival, and the Pancake festival. Major sports events are the "Miner's Glory Cup", the tae kwon do championship of the Leningrad Region, and the Tourist Rally.

The Feniks Centre of Sports and Health and the Nord Vest Club of Sports and Tourism offer

their services to tourists organizing hiking and rafting trips through our region. Those wishing to spend time in an interesting, athletic, and educational way are offered the holiday programme "Healthy Body and Mind".

The Foundation "Social Business Centre" houses a tourist information centre that organizes excursion programmes in the city and the district and offers information, tourism, and advertising services providing the most complete and relevant information on the tourist potential of the Slantsy District.

WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE YOU IN THE DISTRICT OF SLANTSY!!!





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