Oh, East is East,
and West is West,
and never the twain shall meet...

Rudyard Kipling
The Ballad of East and West

Reality has made adjustments to the image, once drawn by Kipling.
Principal vector of the world today is a desire for rapprochement
between East and West.

It is obvious that there is the prospect for the future of the vast
and important region of Russia, historically the most late destined
to become a bridge between two different images of the world.

Located in the heart of Eurasia, Orenburg region was particularly
the key of the Russian Empire which used to close it from hordes
of infidels and barbarians, has now become an open gate on the
main direction of future development of the world – the main axis
of the East-West.

Orenburg region is one of the largest regions in Russia, which
is part of the Volga Federal District in Russian Federation. The
territory of region is more than 124 thousand square km. and
a population more than 2.112 thousand people. Orenburg is
multinational region. There are over 100 nationalities in
Orenburg region.

The region borders on Tatarstan, Bashkortostan and
Chelyabinsk Region in the north, Samara and Saratov regions -
the west and the Republic of Kazakhstan in the south. The total
population of adjacent areas in the region exceeds 20 million.
This is impressive in its scope and growth potential consumer
market. Industrial regions of Tatarstan and the Samara region
with the largest automotive cluster, the Northern and Middle
Urals with their centers of metallurgy, oil and gas industry are
customers and suppliers of goods for the Orenburg region,
many of which are intended for transit to the countries of Central
and Middle Asia.
The region situated on the crossroads of world routs in the heart of Eurasian continent was created as eastern gates opening Great steppe and Asian space for the centre of Russian and Europe. A thousand years ago trading caravans from China to Europe passed through steppe gates of Orenburg region. A thousand years later world is again in need of stable land routes between East and West.

World economic centre today has removed to Asia. This is the place where transport flows have rushed to, the place, where traffic link between China and Europe, kind of new Great Silk way in perspective, is to be found.

Orenburg region is unique due to the following: its location on the crossroads of cargo and passenger traffic flows in directions “Central Asia” and “West East”, developed commercial farming, considerable energy surplus and discovered reserves of minerals in its territory.

Orenburg region is supposed to become part of a great link, transport corridor on land between Europe and Asia from Baltic to Pacific ocean regions. This transport link will improve economic development of the region which is a great producer and a consumer as well of mineral – raw resources. This transport artery will make use of the resources yet not available in the region.

Future prospects of the region are connected with servicing Asian directions of foreign economic relations of Russia and transit of Eurasian goods flow.

Industrial enterprises make 56 % of gross regional product. Metallurgy, oil and gas production and recycle, ore mining sector are developing rapidly. Machine building companies manufacture products for defense needs, for agriculture and metallurgy. Transport facilities, electric motors, home appliances. Fuel and energy sector, metallurgy is leading sectors making more than 73 % of the industrial output volume. Oil and gas producing companies OJSC “Orenburgneft”, LLC “Gazprom dobycha Orenburg” and some others produce more than 20 mln tones of oil, 17 billion tones of gas.

Such enterprises as OJSC “Uralskaya Stal”, OJSC “Yuzhnozavodskoe”, OJSC “Gai mining and beneficiation complex”, LLC “Mednogorskiy copper and sulphur plant” represent metallurgical sector of Orenburg. The mentioned companies as well as those of ore mining and chemical industry lie in the core of industrial sector, supplying it with raw materials. Major regional companies “Orenburgskiy mine”, “Artyomskiy”, “Orenburgugol” and others cooperate with metallurgical and oil recycling enterprises on the base of integrated use of raw materials and by – products of technical process.

Electric power industry shares 10 % in the total structure of industrial output. Development of industrial complexes using much energy contributes to rapid growth of regional power production. Surplus of the power produced supplies the needs of industrial enterprises, agricultural complex, regional social sphere, promotes development of electric power export to the other regions of Russia and CIS countries.

Light industry of Orenburg region is represented by textile and sewing branches. Down knitting production is developed on the base of traditional folk crafts of South Ural with implementing new technologies and equipment.

Orenburg industrial complex attracts investors by considerable volume of resources and multiple spheres of investment.
Energy Complex of Orenburg region is one of the best and most reliable in the country, guarantees successful economic development and social functioning. Annual volumes of energy output reached 14.8 billion kWh (2009). The power system is represented mainly by "Nitkino TPP (a branch of "OGK-1"), "Orenburgenergo" and "Orenburg Heat Generation Company" and the State Unitary Enterprise - "Orenburgkommunalelektroset". Leading energy network company of the region is OJSC "Orenburgenergo" - branch of JSC "MRSC Volga".

The target program of energy consumption reduce was accepted and valid since 2010 to 2015, the effect of its introduction will be more than 3.6 billion rubles, the total reduction in heat consumption will reach 4762 thousand Gcal and reduced cost of electricity will amount to 3 354.800 kWh. Implementation of the planned activities will contribute to further ensure stable energy supplying for consumers in the Orenburg region.

Features of the regional geological structure define the diversity and richness of the mineral resources. Orenburg region is in the leading group of Russian regions according to the volume of proven reserves in 2 500 explorations and production of 75 kinds of minerals. Region ranks 9 in Russia in oil production, ranks 2 In gas and copper, 9 – 12 In gold, 4 in silver.

There are oil and gas field, lignite and oil shale, asphalt, gypsum and anhydrite, chalk, and other building materials on the western and central parts of the region. Deposits of copper, gold, silver, chromites, nickel, iron and manganese ore, molybdenum and rare earth metal are dominant in the east. Here are deposits of non-metallic minerals: chrysotile, asbestos, kaolin, marble, jasper, rock crystal, high-flux limestone and quartzite, coal, building stone, clay, sand and gravel, bricks and expanded clay materials, bentonite clays.

The largest enterprises of the mining complex are the basis of industry of the region, such as: OJSC "Orenburgskie mineral", OJSC "Iteskol" and OJSC "Orenburgugol". Produced by JSC "Orenburg minerals" asbestos is used for the manufacture of asbestos cement pipes, natural gas transportation and petroleum products, manufacture of asbestos-cement building materials. OAO "Iteskol" specializes in mining and processing of rock salt by underground mining on the unique Itesk field. OAO "Orenburgugol" is producing brown coal open pit in Tyulianyskom field, whose reserves are more than 160 million tons of brown coal is not the only energy source, but also a valuable raw material for chemical industry.

The index of industrial production output of mining mineral resources is growing. Average annual growth rates in the range of 7 – 8 % can rotate mining and processing industries to the group’s most dynamic and promising regional economies.
Machinery is the biggest industrial sphere in its number of enterprises in Orenburg region. It consists of more than 70 enterprises which ensure competitive production.

The biggest machinery enterprise of the region is OJSC "MK "ORMETO-YUMZ". It produces about 40% of overall Russian volume of blast-furnace and steel melting equipment.

Branch of JSC "RZD" – "Orenburg locomotive repair plant" is well known in Russia and abroad. It produces more than 100 types of spare parts for locomotives and contact network, leads overhaul of locomotives. JSC Production association "Strela" deals with mass production of civilian helicopters, C-226, gas-fired boilers and heat exchangers, agricultural machinery. JSC "Orsk machinery plant" produces more than 50% of Russia's level of drilling logs, the production is certified according to international standards ISO 9001-2000 and API Spec 7. OAO "Burovoe oborudovanie" (Drilling equipment plant) manufactures drilling tools for the needs of the oil industry and exploration. As a result of equipment upgrading and process of optimization, commissioning modern equipment, the production efficiency has significantly increased. OJSC "Buzuluksky Mehanichesky zavod" (Mechanical Plant) serially produces tractors "Bolava".

LLC "Orenburgsky radiator", enterprises of "UralMash", and OJSC "UralElectro" are constantly developing their demand on the market production and new types of products. OJSC "Inventor" Plant" and OJSC "Buzulukskyazmaa" are certified their technologies by the international management system ISO 9002.

"Orsk Refrigerator Plant" puts into operation facilities for the production of cast iron and precision production unloads motor-compressors. LLC "Buguruslan radiator plant" and biggest producer of radiators the Company "MODINE Europe" (Germany) are developing cooperative production of aluminum heat exchangers for automotive technology.

There are other successfully operating companies in Orenburg producing products of high quality annually expanding its product range. The industrial policy is aimed to make Orenburg region competitive by its high technique machinery.

Metallurgy is the basic sector in the Orenburg region industry. Enterprises of metallurgical complex produce 46.8% of all processing plants production and rank the top in volume and rate of production increase and export of goods.

Leading metallurgical enterprises are located in the east region such as OJSC "Ural Steel", OJSC "South Ural Nickel" integrated plant, OJSC "Gaisky GOK", LLC "Mednogorsk copper-sulfur integrated plant", LLC "Gei non-ferrous metal processing plant", LLC "Bureikol nickel plant", OJSC "Chemet" and OJSC "South-Ural crolite plant".

Production of OJSC "Ural Steel" is more than one hundred types of steel, firebricks, coke and rolled product certified according to the international standards ISO 9000 all of this produced for other plants' consumption and for export.

OJSC "South Ural Nickel" integrated plant is 2nd enterprise in Russia produces cobalt, nickel and its in its capacity and its compounds. OJSC "Gaisky GOK" is 2nd enterprise in Russia produces copper, zinc and pyrite concentrates which are raw materials for copper, precious and non-ferrous metals.

OJC "Mednogorsk MCK" specializes on the extraction and production of crude copper and sulfuric acid. OJSC OAI "ZOTSM" Spiav" produces rolled brass and copper-nickel alloys, brass and bronze foundries, is one of the main Russian producers of flat rolled non-ferrous metals.

OJSC "South-Ural crolite plant" plant produces crolite, fluvoro and aluminum sulfate, boric acid.

There are other metallurgical plants producing chromium oxide, ferronickel, copper and zinc concentrates, gold, to storing and processing of scrap metal in Orenburg region.

Nowadays metallurgy is one of the most rapidly developing sectors of the economy of the Orenburg region and it is a promising avenue for investment.
The geographical position of the region defines its natural competitive advantage for transport infrastructure development. Orenburg region has historically linked the European part of Russia with the countries of Central and South – East Asia, and now provides cargo and passenger transit flows in the direction of Central Asia and East – West.

The region has an extensive transportation system including facilities for road, rail, air and pipeline transport.

The total length of roads is 28,452 km, including 12,455 km of paved roads. About 3/4 of all goods are transported by freight transportation. Passenger bus transport operations to 470 suburban and intercity routes to deal with the important task to provide transportation link to the different territories of the region.

The length of the public railways exceeds 1,756 km. Such branches of OJSC “RZD” as branch of South-Ural Railway and Samara branch of the Kubyshev Railway are operate on the territory of Orenburg region.

Leading operator of air transport in the region is the Federal State Unitary Enterprise “Orenburg Airlines”. The airline is based on two international airports in Orenburg and Oskol and has a fleet of aircraft of all classes. Pipeline transportation of the region is a complex system of pipelines, process units and crossing roads and railways.

On the territory of Orenburg region the following pipelines are laid: “Orenburg – the western frontier of Russia” and “Buefana – Ural” and others. Economic indicators of the transport sector are characterized by dynamic growth.

Development of this sector is strategically important for the economy of the region and its translation an innovative way of development. The highway “Batika – Kazakhstan – China” will go across the region and will be a part of an international corridor “North – South”. It makes a significant contribution to the integration of road transportation of Orenburg into the transportation sector of the Russian Federation.

Science and technique development, new technology introduction are primary directions, reflected in “Strategies of Orenburg region development till 2030”. Target program aimed at science-technical and innovation activities development in 2008-2010 is being realized in Orenburg region. Its budget is more than 700 million rubles. Several organizations make scientific research and introduce innovations, such as Scientific Bioelements Research Institute of Orenburg State University, Russian satellite centre of UNESCO Institute of microelements Orenburg State University, Scientific Research Centre “New Transport Technologies” of Orenburg State University, affiliate of Ural branch of Russian Academy of science, industry research centers and design bureaus. Orenburg scientists have received more than 800 patents for the last eight years. These include patents for biosynthetic skin “Giamatrix”, developed at Orenburg State University Scientific Research Centre. State Corporation Rosnanotech expressed its interest towards this innovative project. Scientific research is most successfully implemented in medicine, agriculture, industrial engineering in raw material production and processing, food and electrical engineering, environmental activities.


Orenburg region is to blend in all Russian strategy of innovations and modernization as key direction strategies of the country in XXI century.
Chamber of industry and commerce (CCI) of Orenburg region as part of CCI of RF was founded in June 1996 and acts in conformity with Law “On Chambers of industry and commerce of RF”*. It is the largest independent expert body including 559 Orenburg companies and entrepreneurs. Its aim is to consolidate, represent and defend interests of different business sectors. CCI of Orenburg region contributes to regional economy development, modern industrial, financial, trade infrastructure building up, creating hospitable conditions for business development.

The following preferable objectives solved successfully by the Chamber are: development of economic and manufacturing relations between the enterprises, arrangement of interregional exhibitions, trade-economic missions, innovations and foreign economic activities support, renders services of appraisal, certification, valuation, business foundation, protection of intellectual property rights, business planning and mobilisation of investments.

Quality management system of CCI is in conformity with standard ISO 9001:2003.

CCI of Orenburg region is an active participant in legislation, contributing to development and realization of important programs aiming to improve regional economic and business. It examines projects of regulatory legal acts. Practical proposals of the Chamber are registered in Strategy of Orenburg region development till 2030 and in regional Law “On industrial policy”.

Orenburg region is eager to meet mutually benefit cooperation and investors’ constructive proposals. Since Russia intends to join WTO significance of CCI of Orenburg region becomes more considerable.

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