Information on the Saratov Region

1. Resource wealth of the region.
Land resources – the prevalence of black and chestnut soils which are formed under a grass cover during soil moisture deficit. The total land resources of the Region exceed 10,000,000 hectares.
Minerals – potential resources of oil and gas in the region is about 700 million tons of oil and 1 trillion cbm gas. The region has more than 80 thousand sq.m. poorly studied oil and gas areas.
Oil shales deposit is one of the most significant in the Russian Federation. The region has large reserves of raw materials for construction in the region – phosphates; construction, ballast and glass sand; building clay and stones. On reserves of raw cement the region is at the top in Russia. Also the area is sufficiently supplied with water, besides the Volga and the other numerous rivers there are many known sources and deposits of mineral waters.

2. Main branches of industry, incumbent companies and their products:
On the level and scope of industrial production the Saratov region ranks to be one of the top places in the Volga economic region. Industrial area includes more than 2,000 large and medium-sized enterprises. In the structure of industry the largest share belongs to the fuel and energy complex (45.5%), mechanical engineering (19.1%), chemical and petrochemical (15.6%), food (9.2%) industries. The region has large power plants - Balakovo and Saratov nuclear power plants with total capacity of respectively 4000MW and 1360MW. These power plants generate fourth of the electricity of the Volga region and 3% of the electricity in Russia.

Incumbent companies of the Saratov Region:
• Trolza CJSC - trolley buses, spare parts to trolley buses;
• Saratovskoe Elektroagregatnoe Proizvodstvenoe Obyedinenie OJSC - aircraft electrical apparatuses, electronic control systems of aircraft engines, household appliances, solenoid control valves, tool production, the production of printed circuit boards;
• Zhirovoy Kombinat CJSC - the production of margarine, baby and dietary foods, soaps and detergents, refined vegetable oils and fats;
• Balakovskie Mineralnye Udobreniya LLC - the production of fertilizers and nitrogen compounds and other inorganic chemicals;
• Saratov Oil Refinery OJSC - oil refining;
• Volsktsement LLC - the production of cement: 400 and 500 graded, well cement, clinker for portland cement manufacturing;
• Saratovskiy Poligraphicheskiy Kombinat OJSC - the production of paper products for household purposes, stationery products, other articles of paper and cartonboard;
• Henkel Rus LLC, Engels Branch - manufacture of synthetic detergents;
• Transportnoe Mashinostroenie OJSC - railway engineering;
• AP Saratovskiy Zavod Rezervuarnyh Metallokonstruktsiy CJSC - production of metal storage tanks for crude oil, petroleum and water on the international and national standards;
• Zavod Metallokonstruktsiy OJSC - car building, bridge steelwork manufacture, manufacture of metal structures;
• Saratovskiy Radiopriborny Zavod OJSC - the production of radar, radio navigation equipment and radio remote control, navigation, meteorological, surveying and similar types of appliances and devices;
• Robert Bosch Saratov OJSC - the production of electrical equipment for engines and vehicles (spark plugs and other components, parts and accessories);
• Saratovorgsintez LLC - the production of synthetic industrial phenol, industrial acetone, polyacrylonitrile and dyed fiber and tow, methyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, acrylonitrile, acetonitrile, sodium cyanide, ammonium sulfate, industrial acetonitrile;
• British American Tobacco Russia - the production of tobacco;
• Saratovstroysteklo OJSC - the production of building materials, industrial and structural glass, sheet glass. Shaping and processing of flat glass.

3. The level of infrastructure development of the region.
Saratov is a large transportation hub connecting the centre of Russia with Ural, Siberia, and Middle Asia. The regional transportation network comprises 630 km of navigable waterways, 2,297 km of railways, 13,936.1 km of motor roads including 11,672.3 km of hard surface roads. The region’s territory is crossed by 5494 km of cross-country gas transportation pipelines, 1046 km of oil transportation pipelines and 545 km of ammonia transportation pipelines.

In the region there are divisions of the South-Eastern and Volga Railways – the branches of Russian Railways OJSC; four federal highways; Federal Civil Airport «Centralny»; a large river port in Saratov and a waterway connecting the city with the industrial centre of Russia, Moscow, the Western Urals, as well as the Black, the Baltic, and the White seas; main pipelines headed east-to-west and north-to-south parallel to the main directions of motor roads and railways.

4. Potential spheres for employment of foreign capital. Possible specific projects.
The conditions have been provided for the inflow of foreign capital to the Saratov region. In order to promote investment activities, the regulations have been adopted by the Saratov region providing favorable conditions including preferential tax treatment for participants of investment activity.

The most promising sectors for investments are: mining and processing of mineral resources, production of building materials (cement, ceramic tiles, ceramic brick), the food industry and processing industry (processing of milk, meat, production of canned products), high-tech manufacturing (nano-and biotechnology, pharmaceutical manufacturing, electronic engineering, polymers).

Capital investment projects would-be executed:
• construction of a sugar refinery in the Rtishchevsky municipal district of the Saratov region;
• the wholesale market of agricultural products, logistics center in the Tatishchevsky district of the Saratov region;
• construction of a commercial multiplying farm for meat sheep breeds in the Southeast zone of Saratov region;
• construction of the airport complex «Centralny», Saratov;
• integrated production and processing of oil shale deposits in the Kotsebinskiy field of the Perelyubskey district of Saratov region;
• creation of sports and tourist center of small boats on the Volga River near the village of Lesopilny, Saratov;
• construction of a modern pharmaceutical plant in the Saratovsky district of the Saratov region;
• construction of a brewery in the Tatishchevcky district of the Saratov region.

5. **Special economic zones.**
In the Saratov region there are no special economic zones.

6. **Main institutions of higher education.**
The higher education system of the region involves 8 higher educational institutions (7 state institutions and 1 non-state one), which have 10 branches and 13 representative offices in the Russian Federation and 1 representative office abroad. Alongside with that there are 3 university complexes in the region:
1) Saratov State University named after N.G. Chernyshevsky,
2) Saratov State Technical University named after Y.A. Gagarin,
3) Saratov State Agrarian University named after N.I. Vavilov,
which are recognized as large scientific centers and actively involved into scientific researches in natural, humanitarian, social and applied sciences. Training of personnel with secondary vocational education is performed by 42 independent educational organizations. Saratov Region is known as one of the largest scientific centers in Russia. There are considerable possibilities for scientific activity in the region. The region is represented by the following research and project institutes, enterprises and associations:
- Volga-Techniques Scientific and Technological Park at Saratov State Technical University named after Y.A. Gagarin;
- Volgoagrotechnics Technological Park at Saratov State Agrarian University named after N.I. Vavilov;
- Research Institute of Fundamental and Clinical Uronephrology of Saratov State Medical University named after V.I. Razumovsky;
- Saratov Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
- Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Plants and Microorganisms of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
- Institute of Problems of High-Precision Mechanics and Control of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
- Saratov Branch of Institute of Radio Engineering and Electronics of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
- VNIPIGazodobycha OJSC, Gazprom OJSC;
- Nizhnevolzhsky Research Institute of Geology and Geophysics FGUP;
- GiproNIIgaz OJSC;
- TSNIIIA OJSC;
- Almaz NPP FGUP;
- KB Promyshlennoy Avtomatiki OJSC;
- KB Elektroprribor OJSC;
- NIIHIT-2 CJSC;
- SNIIM-28 CJSC;
- NITI-Tesar OJSC;
- Volga NII FGUP;
- Saratovsky Institut Stekla OJSC;
- NPP Inzhekt FGUP;
- Mikrob Russian Antiplague Research Institute;
- Saratov Research Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics;
- Bioamid CJSC;
- Saratov State University named after N.G. Chernyshevsky, National Research University (as an independent innovative foundation).

The scientific potential for solving of high-tech problems and fundamental applied-oriented research has been accumulated and expanded on the basis of the enterprises and associations listed above.

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