

STAVROPOL

NEW INVESTMENT CENTER IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA



Stavropol krai - a dynamic entity of the Russian Federation is comparable in size to the European countries such as Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, and has a huge resource and investment potential. Krai, the total area of 66 200 square meters, is located in the center of Ciscaucasia - between Europe and Asia, the Black and Caspian seas on the crossroads of major trade routes.

Transport infrastructure is highly developed and it has: railway length of 1,2 thousand. miles.; highways length is more than 4.4 thousand. miles.; two international airports in Stavropol and Mineral Waters. Stavropol krai has significant reserves of mineral-resources that are attractive for effective industrial use of either. First of all, it is - natural gas, oil, base metals, containing uranium and building materials. Stavropol krai is a leader in the Russian Federation for the volume of sanatorium services, and it contains 17% in the volume of sanatorium services in Russia.

Caucasus Mineral Waters area - one of the most recognizable brands of the Stavropol krai. This is a balneoclimatic resort, which has been developing during two centuries.

The attractiveness of the Caucasus Mineral Waters is composed of components: an advantageous geographical location in the south of Russia and developed transport infrastructure, particularly climate with high health properties, allowing a method of special climate therapy, the presence of significant reserves of mineral-waters and therapeutic mud.

In 2013, the tourist flow in the Stavropol krai has a positive trend and reached 1 million. 145 thousand. persons, including 99.6 thousand. persons - foreign tourists.

The region has a stable social situation mainly due to advances in the sphere of economic development.

The annual growth of investment in fixed assets. In 2012, the second-row investments totaled 3.7 billion. dollars, the volume index of investment in fixed assets of the previous period of 2011 - 111.3%; in 2013 - 3.9 billion. dollars, or 101.5% compared to 2012. During January-June 2014 investment in fixed assets amounted to 1.3 billion- dollars, or 110.8% over the same period of 2013.

In 2013 in the krai received 63.3 million. dollars of foreign investments, of which 66.2% - direct investment. The main volume of foreign investment from direct investors entered the manufacturing and processing industries and health care.

Balanced financial and economic policy of the Government of Stavropol krai, as well as improving the quality of budget planning at the regional level, has led to the fact that in May 2014 the

Russian office of the international rating agency Fitch Ratings affirmed sufficiently high credit rating of the Stavropol krai: long-term foreign currency ratings are set at «BB» («Stable rating»), short-term foreign currency rating - «B» («Stable rating») and national long-term rating - «AA» («Very high credit quality»). Stavropol krai laws provide guarantees and benefits for investors implementing major investment projects. System of interaction between the regional authorities and investors is building on the principle of maximum openness and willingness for cooperation.

On the official website of the Governor of the Stavropol krai was created a special direct link with the regional government for investor, who may solve their current problems to <http://www.gubernator.stavkrai.ru/internet-reception/investors/>. Also there is an effective method - "support of projects in the single window".

The most favorable conditions for the implementation of investment projects in the Stavropol krai established in 11 regional industrial parks. For their residents enjoy tax benefits on income and property of the organization, the optimal conditions for the lease of land and connected-set to communications.

Realizing the need for additional stimulation of investment activity of companies, the Government of Stavropol krai provides to support investment projects, which was not included in the regional industrial parks.

In this connection, a number of regional laws amended, pre-sidered significant reduction in the tax rate for investors implementing investment projects worth more than \$ 8 mil. dollars. An important aspect of the adopted laws is the possibility-of providing preferential tax treatment for investors who engaged reconstruction and modernization. Government of Stavropol krai is currently working on new legislative initiatives, expand the list of prefecture to all investors. They are based on the principle of subsidizing investment costs due to tax payments actually paid-up-investor in the budget of the Stavropol krai.

Currently, in the Stavropol krai to form a package of benefits and preferences, as well as a list of investment proposals. For more information visit official website of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Stavropol krai www.stavinvest.ru.

