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COOPERATION OFFER

The Project "The Creation of National Scientific Technological Park in the sphere of pharmaceutics, nano- and bio-technology "BelBioGrad"

Herewith we invite you to take part in the realization of the project on creation in the Republic of Belarus of National Scientific Technological Park in the sphere of pharmaceutics, nano- and bio-technology "BelBioGrad".

Our Goal is:

 To support the high technology sector by attracting potential residents who represent the world leading companies in the sphere of pharmaceutical nana and bio technologies as well as micro system engineering.

The creation of "Belbiograd" is the project of national scale, implying international cooperation and its implementation is strategically important for the formation of innovation economy of Belarus. Therefore, it will be supported at all stages of realization by providing its participants with all kind of assistance by the government.

What is BelBioGrad?

"BelBioGrad" is the scientific technological park having special legal status. It will be located in the territory of the Republic of Belarus in the three regions (Minsk region, Vitebsk region, Mogilev region) where its residents will implement innovation projects in the sphere of pharmaceutical, nano and bio technologies as well as in micro system engineering.

- Favourable conditions, provided to its residents for doing business, are really unprecedented in the world practice. It is provided that special legal status will be effective 20 years, specifying essential taxation and customs benefits, including all kinds of business support questions on registration and location of scientific-research centers and production facilities of the company, getting necessary permissions and etc.
- The best highly qualified specialists and researchers from the leading scientific and research institutes will be invited to take part in "BelBioGrad" activities. State universities and other leading institutes of higher education train specialists in the sphere of classical biotechnology, transgenetic study of plants and animals, system biology, controlled design, cell engineering, nanotechnology, cell informatics. It is planted that in 2012-2015 years in the Republic of Belarus three thousand two hundred (3.200) students will be admitted to higher educational institutions on the specialties in the sphere of biotechnology and one thousand six hundred and fifty students (1,650) on the specialties in the sphere on nanotechnology.
- The leading research organization of Belarus have a range of promising research works in the sphere of pharmaceutics, nano- and bio-technology that can be commercialized by means of attracting investments and professional management.

1. Opportunities for Residents: Why BelBioGrad?

"BelBioGrad", being the "institution of development" of innovation economy of the Republic of Belarus, gives unique opportunity to its residents to realize their 2

innovative projects. The project of the creation of "BelBioGrad" provides for the following:

- Favourable legal status for its residents:
- exemption from corporate taxes (VAT, profit, real estate and land taxes);
- exemption from import tax on equipment and materials used only in the territory of the Republic of Belarus;
- easy order for arranging administrative procedures.

It is supposed that "BelBioGrad" will have the advantage over the High Technology Park on the range of benefits provided to its residents.

- Creation of the Infrastructure for Innovation Activity Support, providing the implementation of complete innovation cycle.
- Creation of the Corporate Information System, providing coordination between all the participants of the project and allowing communicating on line.
- Creation of the Social Infrastructure, providing comfortable conditions for living (residential area, entertainment area, service and etc.)

The creation of Production, Scientific Research and Innovative infrastructures as well as Information and Social ones is planned in the period of 2012-2019 years.

One more advantage to participate in the project is good geographical location of the Republic of Belarus which is very close to European markets and also there is the opportunity to use economic potential of the market of the Customs Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

Participants of the Project

- Residents companies, engaged in scientific, research, innovative and production activity in the sphere of pharmaceutical nano and bio technologies as well as micro system engineering, that are realizing innovation projects in the territory of "BelBioGrad".
- > Other innovative companies, providing favourable conditions for the residents at all stages of innovative cycle. In particular those who promote to commercialization of innovation and transfer of technology.
- Administration, responsible for the creation and operation of "BelBioGrad".

2. The Structure

The total area of "BelBioGrad" will constitute 43, 6 square kilometers "BelBioGrad" consists of:

Infrastructure complex «Minsk Biograd» will

 represent administrative, scientific research, educational, information and coordination centre of "BelBioGrad"; 3

 have in its territory innovation companies, administrative office, scientific research facilities as well as residential area, trading, entertainment and service facilities.

The total area of *Infrastructure complex «Minsk Biograd» will* constitute 36, 5 square kilometers.

- Regional industrial zones specialized area for placing manufacturing enterprises of park's residents.
- Regional Industrial Zone «Minsk» (total area will be 2 square kilometers):
 Biotechnology in industry, nanotechnology, production of micro and
 nanosystem engineering;
 - Regional Industrial Zone «Vitebsk» (total area will be 3,9 square kilometers);
- PharRegional Industrial Zone (Corkpir (Total area will be 1,2 square kilometers):

Biotechnology in agriculture.

Close to the abovementioned industrial zones are located professional institutions that train specialists in the sphere of biotechnology or pharmaceutics, scientific research centre and industrial enterprises, producing pharmaceutical or microbiological (biotechnological) and, having qualified staff.

National and international companies will participate in the realization of the construction project and design of Infrastructure complex «Minsk Biograd» and regional industrial zones on the competition basis.

Provisions for participation in the project

Potential residents are expected:

- ➤ To have intention to realize innovation project, that implies creation and location in the territory of "BelBioGrad" a company manufacturing nano-bio-pharmaceutical production on the basis or original research and scientific works (intellectual property);
- To have scientific research potential (corporate research centre, intellectual property portfolio);
- > To be ready for scientific research cooperation with local research organizations and institutions of higher education and medicine in the territory of the Republic of Belarus.
- To be ready to pay one time registration fee in the amount of one thousand Euro. The acquired funds will be spent on the development of the infrastructure of "BelBioGrad" and support of start-up companies in the sphere of pharmaceutical nano and bio technologies.

To participate in the project a potential resident will submit a business plan of innovation project to the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus for expertise. If approved, innovation project is registered and the company gets the status of the resident of "BelBioGrad" conducting agreement. The company resident will be provided with office places and land for construction of manufacturing facilities. At all

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stages the company-resident will get the necessary information, legal and other support. All administrative procedures required by local regulations are realized with the help of administration of industrial zone in the shortest period of time.

5. Stages of realization of the project.

At the moment the main documents on the project "The Creation of National Scientific Technological Park in the sphere of pharmaceutics, nano- and biotechnology "BelBioGrad" are under consideration in the Government of the Republic of Belarus. The documents include the Concept of the Project and the corresponding Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus "On the Establishing of the National Scientific Technological Park in the Sphere of Pharmaceutics, Nano- and Bio-Technology "BelBioGrad". The Decree is planned to be signed in the first six months of 2012 year.

The companies specialized in pharmaceutics, nano- and bio-technology are invited to join the project.

In this connection the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus express hope to maintain fruitful cooperation in the frame of the project with the leading bionano and pharmaceutical companies interested to participate in the project. Our representatives are ready to assist you and answer any questions providing additional information on this project upon request.

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