PROGRESS IN INNOVATIVE ACTIVITY IN KAZAKHSTAN: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS



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ABOUT KAZAKHSTAN



Location: Central Asia, northwest of China; a small portion west of the Ural River in eastern-most Europe

Geographic coordinates: 48 00 N, 68 00 E

Map references: Asia

Area total: 2,717,300 sq km; land 2,669,800 sq km;

water 47,500 sq km

Area: comparative slightly less than four times the size

of Texas

Land boundaries: total 12,012 km, border countries: China 1,533 km, Kyrgyzstan 1,051 km, Russia 6,846 km, Turkmenistan 379 km, Uzbekistan 2,203 km

Coastline: 0 km (landlocked); Caspian Sea (1,894 km) Climate: continental, cold winters and hot summers,

arid and semiarid

Natural resources: major deposits of petroleum, natural gas, coal, iron ore, manganese, chrome ore, nickel, cobalt, copper, molybdenum, lead, zinc, bauxite, gold, uranium

Land use: arable land 8.28%, permanent crops 0.05% other 91.67% (2005)

ABOUT KAZAKHSTAN

Economic trends

- Strong macroeconomic performance and favorable investment conditions
- Average annual GDP growth rate in 2007-08 at around 10%
- Kazakhstan is the first former Soviet republic to repay all of its debt to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 2000, seven years ahead of schedule
- The economy is based on oil export which generate 40% of the country's total revenues
- Huge foreign investments, second after Russia among the CIS (the Commonwealth of Independent States)

Main branches of industry

- Kazakhstan is rich in natural resources: oil & gas, coal, copper, zinc, uranium and silver. Oil production accounts for 30% of GDP.
- Building & construction sector growth 30-40% a year.
- Manufacturing sector is not well developed given the fact that almost all capital and consumer goods are imported into the country.
- The agriculture sector contributes nearly 7% of GDP and employs around 20% of the active population. Kazakhstan is the sixth-largest producer of grains (includes wheat, rice and barley) in the world.
- Services sector is growing and contributes nearly 55% to the GDP.

International trade

- Kazakhstan is open to international trade.
- Oil exports account for 50% of the total exports.
- Foreign trade is almost equal to GDP.
- Kazakhstan's top three export partner's are: Switzerland, Italy and Russia. The commodities mainly exported are mineral fuels & oils, iron & steel, copper, and inorganic chemicals.
- The top three import partners are: Russia, Germany and China. Kazakhstan mainly imports machinery, mineral fuels & oils, vehicles, articles of iron & steel, and electric & electronic equipment.

ABOUT KAZAKHSTAN

Strategic Location

Length of China-Europe route

Origin	Routes	Distance*
Lianyungang (China)	via Kazakhstan-Russian Federation	9,200 km
Shenzhen (China)	via Kazakhstan-Russian Federation	10,300 km

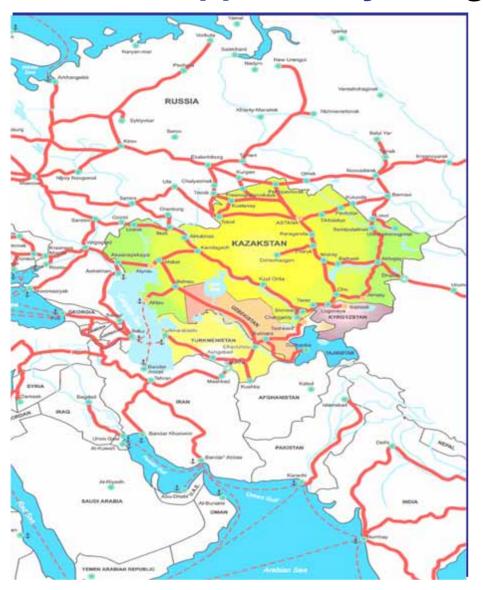
*Distances calculated with Frankfurt (Germany) as final destination.



Advantages

- Gateway from Central Asia and Europe to China and South East Asia
- International airports
- Stabile political situation
- Aggressive government initiatives such as:
 - E government
 - Almaty as a Financial Centre
 - Space development programs
 - Alatau IT city
- Kazakhstan is the most developed economy in Central Asia with GDP per capita of \$4400
- FDI investments: 28.7 billion USD, (2000-Sept 2005)
- Positive investment climate
- Russia, Turkey, EU, Caspian region countries - connected routes

The Opportunity: Large Untapped Market



- Combined population (incl. Russia, Caucasus) = 283 Million and GDP of 1.1 trillion (USD)
- Customs Union with Russia and Belarus to be signed in 2010
- Large demand for IT and telecom equipment in all Central Asian countries due to low penetration rates
- Average compound annual growth rate (CAGR) for PCs and servers and other peripheral in Kazakhstan and neighboring countries is more than 20% a year
- Impending deregulation of the telecom market in KZ and other CIS will spur further growth
- IT market for Central Asia/Eastern Europe = \$22.4 billion
- Growth of IT Services Market forecast for Eastern Europe: 7.83% (CAGR 2003-2008)

NATIONAL INNOVATION SYSTEM (NIS)

May 17, 2003

Approved a Strategy of Industrial and Innovation Development of Kazakhstan till 2015

«...Creation of institutional support of industrial and innovation development as well as stimulating of economy diversification ...»

May 30, 2003

Established JSC «National Innovation Fund»

«...Established National Innovation Fund aims to intensify innovation activities in Kazakhstan...»

April 25, 2005

Approved a Program for Creation and Development of National Innovation System

«...aims to create open innovation development system...»

NATIONAL INNOVATION SYSTEM (NIS)

JSC «FSD «Kazyna» **SME Development CMAR** Loans for SME Market/Policy research **Kazinvest Development Bank** Long term loans **Investment promotions State Insurance Corp Leasing Corp** Leasing services Insurance for KZ exporters and investors **Kazyna Capital Management Investment Fund National Innovation Fund** Equity financing

NIS

Directions, Principles and limits of Investments

Limit: up to 5 M USD

Innovative projects









Shared passive control participation

Limit: up to 30 M USD

Venture funds















Shared passive control participation

Limit: up to 0,5 M USD









Shared passive control participation

Limit: up to 0,25 M USD













NIS

Investment Strategy of JSC «National Innovation Fund»

FINANCING INSTRUMENTS

- 100% financing of R&D
- Investments in innovative projects up to 49%

FOCUS

- Focus on start-up and early stages private companies
- Focus on innovative technology transfer

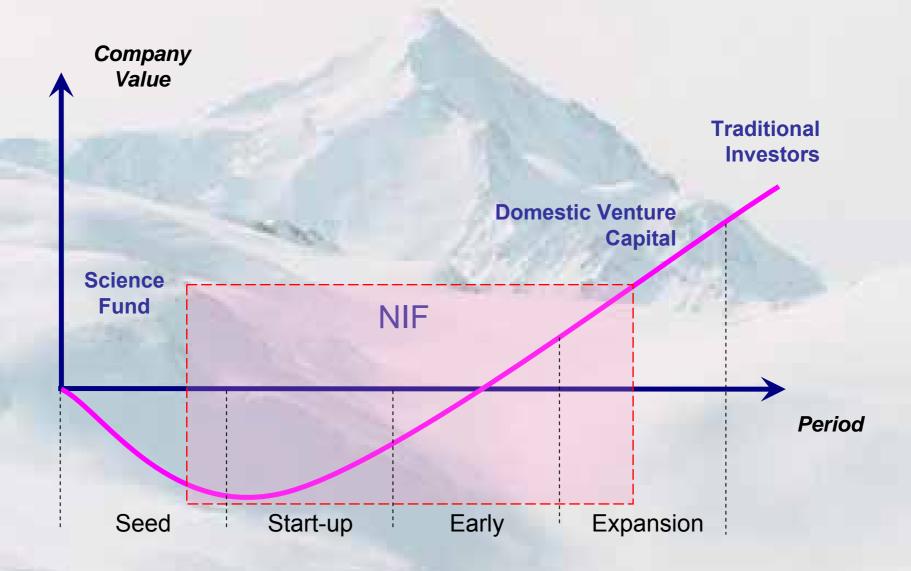
GEOGRAPHY

Projects in Kazakhstan and abroad

MAJOR SECTORS

- ICT and Electronics
- BIO-PHARMA
- Oil & Gas Services
- Machinery construction
- New materials

NIS COORDINATION



PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES

Innovation infrastructure

Scientific potential

- Gaps between science, education and business
- Lag between development of domestic science and world's achievements
- Low level of development healthcare and education
- Outdated technical basis in research institutes and labs

- Imperfection of legislation base
- Lack of procedures on protection intellectual property
- Low usage of innovation infrastructure



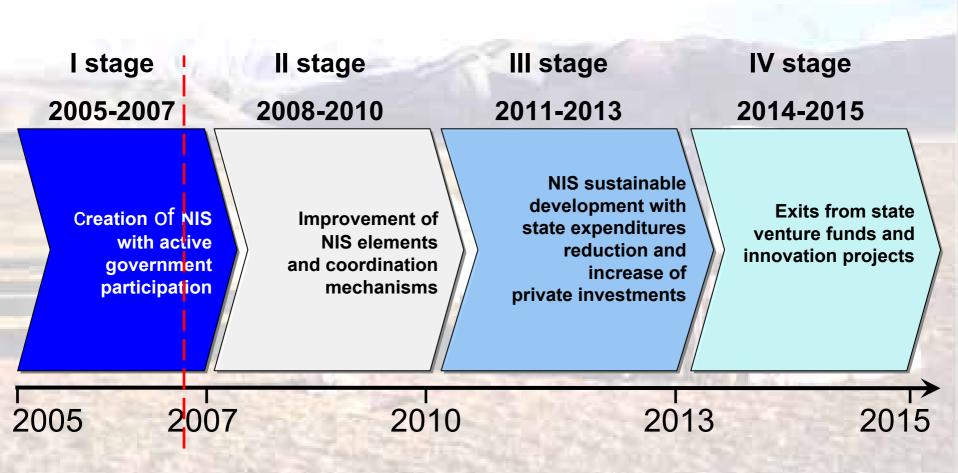
- Low level of usage innovation technologies in business
- Lack of experience on implementing innovation technologies
- Raw oriented industries
- Import exceeds export
- Deficit qualified professionals

Financing infrastructure

- Unpopularity of venture financing
- Alternative instruments of investments with similar level of incomes
- Lack of methods and criterions for estimation innovation ideas, knowhow, and intellectual properties

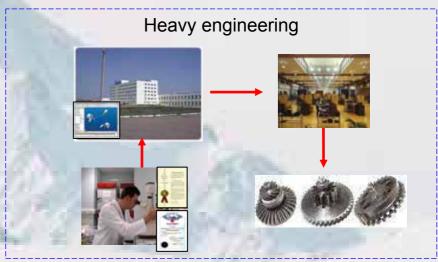
Innovation busines

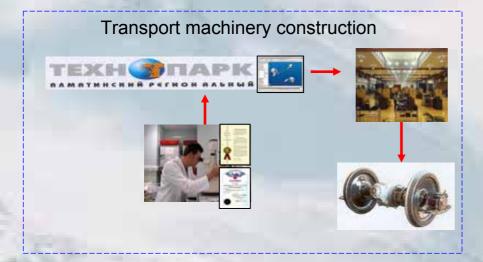
Realization of NIS Program: 2005-2015

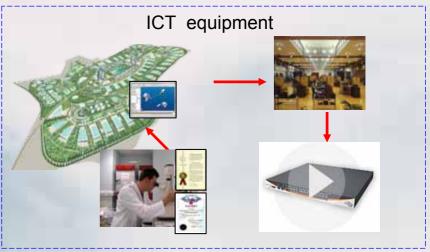


Manufacture needs organization/modernization









Technologies Transfer System

National Innovation Fund

- Science Fund
- Committee of science

Own Innovations

Industrial zones

ETTC-Industrial Parks









Foreign Companies

Technologies, equipments, products



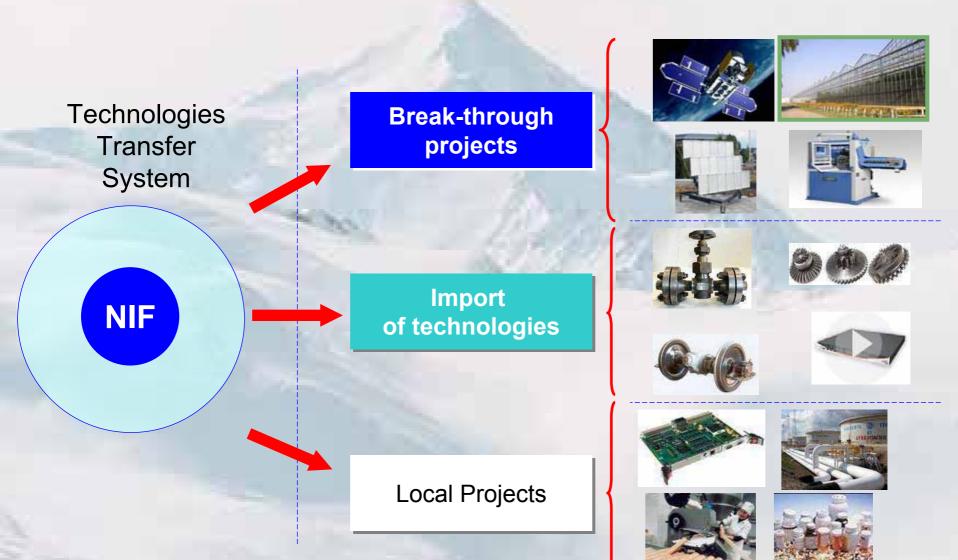
Mass Production



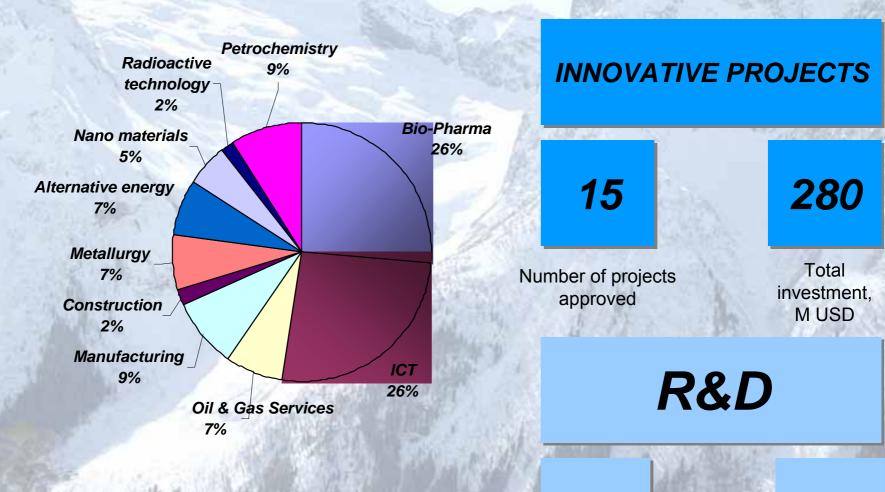


Output

Results



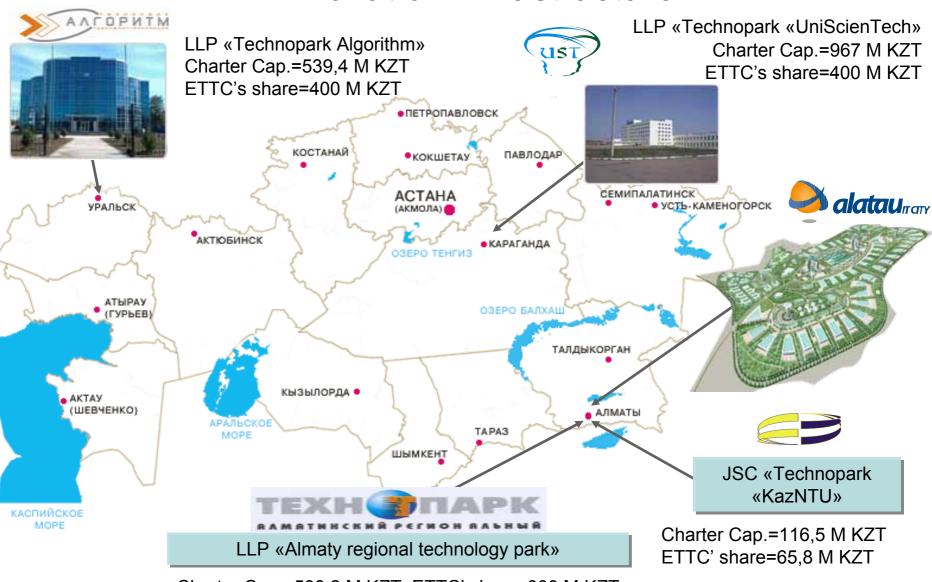
Equity Financing



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Innovation Infrastructure



Charter Cap.=588,2 M KZT, ETTC' share=300 M KZT

Investments in Venture Funds

Kazakhstan's venture funds (5)				
Name	Partner	Charter Cap.	Share of NIF	
VF Areket // TuranAlem Securities	JSC «Turan Alem Securities»	\$30 M	\$10 M	
VF Advant Lancaster Group PTL LTD.	JSC «Lancaster Group Kazakhstan»	\$20 M	\$9.8 M	
VF Centras	JSC «Centras Capital Group»	\$20 M	\$9.8 M	
VF Almaty Venture Capital	JSC «Almaty Busines Group»	\$20 M	\$9.8 M	
VF Glotur Technology Fund GLOTUR	JSC «Glotur»	\$20 M	\$9.8 M	
Overall capitalization:		\$110 M	\$49.2 M	
Foreign venture funds with NIF participation (5)				
Name	Partner	Charter Cap.	Share of NIF	
CASEF	SEAF, IFC, SECO, USAID (Central Asia)	\$12.8 M	\$2 M	
Wellington partners III wellington partners	Wellington Partners (Germany)	\$180 M	\$10 M	
Flagship ventures fund 2004	Flagship ventures (USA)	\$150 M	\$10 M	
Mayban-JAIC ASEAN Fund	Mayban, JAIC (Malaysia, Japan)	\$50 M	\$5 M	
Vertex III Fund	Vertex venture capital (Israel)	\$150 M	\$5 M	
Overall capitalization:		\$542.8 M	\$32 M	

Companies Acquisition



Safe ID (Germany)

Innovative solutions in safe identification and personalization area

Project's cost

Share of NIF

24 M €

4,8 M €



Ethos Networks Ltd (Israel) High-quality network equipment and software for corporate major computer networks

18 M USD 2 M USD



Extricom (Israel)

Organization of Wireless LAN for data, voice (VoWLAN) and video

40 M USD 2 M USD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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