



CANADIANS INTERESTED IN DNIPROPETROVSK MILL

Firms from Canada and Australia have expressed interest in investing in a Dnipropetrovsk paper mill, which is seeking foreign investors who will help them purchase Finnish equipment for the manufacturing of pulp from hemp waste, Infobank has learned.

One mill official told an Infobank correspondent that they are also ready to invest in the creation of a raw material base for the production of paper in the Pavlohrad region of Dnipropetrovsk oblast, where THC-free hemp of the "Dniprovskia Sich" sort is already being grown.

A recent audit carried out at the mill revealed that it is worth 3 trillion 600 billion karbovantsi (about \$25.5 million). The mill has already been bought by its workers' collective.

Officials at the Dnipropetrovsk paper mill are planning to change its form of ownership in the near future, from a rented enterprise to a joint stock company, of which 70% of the shares will be distributed among the factory's workers and the remainder will be sold to investors.

The technology required by the manufacturing process was developed by the Ukrainian research institutes Khimmash (Chemical Machinery) and Papirprom (Paper Industry).
(Ukrainian News)

ONTARIO HYDRO TO IMPROVE NUCLEAR FUEL STORAGE AT CHORNOBYL

Ontario Hydro International is helping to improve safe storage of spent nuclear fuel at Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear power plant by transferring its high-density concrete technology.

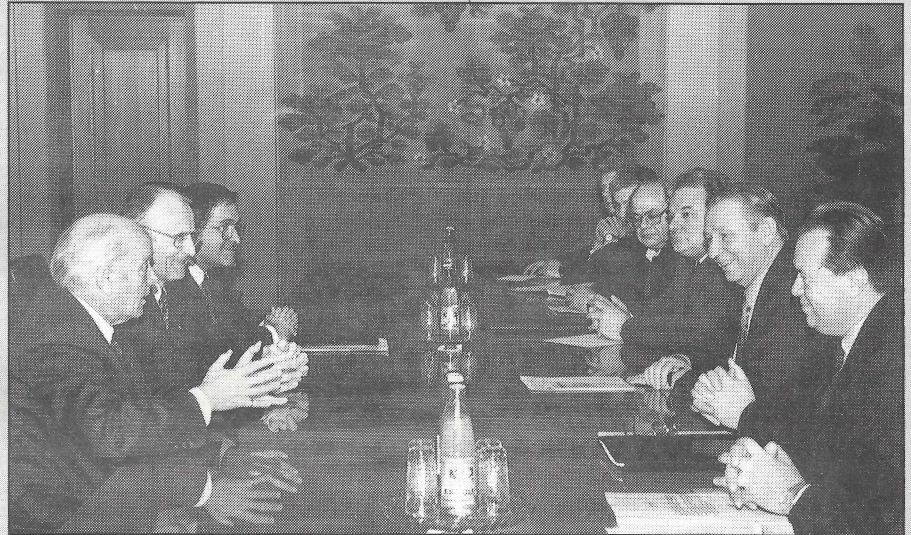
The project, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), is part of an overall nuclear dismantlement effort underway in Ukraine. It addresses a critical nuclear safety issue facing the country - the limited space in existing fuel storage pools in its nuclear plants. In the past, used fuel was shipped to Russia for reprocessing, but this is no longer possible.

Adequate spent fuel storage is an essential element of the program jointly managed by Ukraine and the G-7 to shut down Chernobyl by 2000.

The project will also provide Ukraine with an inexpensive means of storing spent nuclear fuel that meets national and international safety standards. The high-density concrete containers and equipment will be produced by Canadian and Ukrainian manufacturers.

Once the three-year, \$3.3 million project has wound up, Ukraine will be able to produce its own containers.

UKRAINIAN WORLD COORDINATING COUNCIL CONVENES SESSION IN KYIV



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President Leonid Kuchma welcomes a delegation from the Ukrainian World Coordinating Council holding their plenary session in Kyiv. From the UWCC, left side (l-r): Yaroslav Sokolyk, Gen. Sec.; Dr. Dmytro Cipywnyk, Pres. World Congress of Ukrainians; Dr. Askold Lozynsky, U.S.. On the right (r-l): Volodymyr Furkalo (President's Administration at that time, now Amb. to Canada); Ivan Kuras, Deputy PM; President Kuchma; Foreign Minister Hennadiy Udovenko; Ivan Drach, Pres. UWCC.

Kyiv, Dec. 31, 1995... A plenary session of the Ukrainian World Coordinating Council took place on Dec. 8-10, the third since its founding in August 1992 at the time of celebration of the first anniversary of Ukraine's independence.

The plenary session, which was opened and conducted by Ivan Drach, head of the UWCC, was held in the premises of the former Central Rada, where Ukrainian leaders met the first President of Ukraine, Mykhailo Hrushevsky, during the 1917-19 struggle for independence.

The session approved the need to obtain state support for Ukrainian culture, language and publications.

The large contingent of representatives of Eastern diaspora Ukrainians also received strong support for an appeal to President Kuchma regarding the need for inter-governmental actions to secure the ethnic rights of Ukrainians in Russia, comparable to the rights of the Russian minority in Ukraine.

Delegates and invited guests heard extensive presentations on past and planned activities, delivered by Mr. Drach, Dmytro Cipywnyk (President of the World Congress of Ukrainians) and other representatives of the Eastern diaspora.

After the conclusion of the plenary session, representatives of the Ukrainian World Coordinating Council led by Mr. Drach paid a visit to President Kuchma for a brief exchange of views and delivery of the UWCC's appeal. Also present were Dr. Cipywnyk and Yaroslav Sokolyk, both Canadians, and Mr. Lozynsky of the Ukrainian American Congress Committee.

By unanimous consent it was decided to hold the World Forum of Ukrainians in August 1996 to coincide with the fifth anniversary of Ukraine's independence.

President Kuchma promised to support the World Forum of Ukrainians in 1996. He also pledged to support Ukrainian language and culture in Ukraine, and the rights of Ukrainian minorities in the newly independent states on the territory of the former USSR.

The UWCC plenary session was attended by 40 delegates from Ukraine and the Western and Eastern diaspora, plus over 50 guests.

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