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Main macroeconomic indicators of Uzbekistan, 2002-2005.

Indicators	2002	2003	2004	2004 1st Q	2005 1st Q
GDP, trillion sums	7.45	9.84	12.2	2.1	2.5
Real GDP growth, %	4.0	4.4	7.7	4.8	4.8
State budget execution, % to GDP (-def./+prof.)	-0.8	-0.4	-0.4	4.0	1.9
Foreign trade turnover, billion USD	5.7	6.7	8.7	2.1	2.3
Inflation (CPI), %	-	3.8	3.7	1.1	2.2

Source: State Statistics Committee, Avesta Research

Today

OJSC «Marvel Juice Co.», 3 (500.0m UZS)
 Start of 5th coupon payment
 - coupon rate – 24%
 - coupon payment amount – 30.0m UZS

Special meeting of CJSC «Toshkent-Osiyo» shareholders

Upcoming events calendar

- 1 January.** Start of payment of 2nd coupon of the 1st CB issue of **BE «Cassidy Trade & Finance»** is expected.
- 2 January.** Start of payment of 5th coupon of the 1st CB issue of **LLC «Elektron Servis»** is expected.
- 5 January.** Start of payment of 2nd coupon of the 2nd CB issue of **LLC «Joni M»** is expected.

New Year's issue

30 – 31 December 2005

Official exchange rate of the CB RU to major world currencies (UZS)

	27.12.2005	20.12.2005	Chg./%
1 USD	1180.00	1177.09	+0.25 ↑
1 EUR	1395.94	1413.45	-1.24 ↓
1 GBP	2044.11	2083.92	-1.91 ↓
10 JPY	101.39	101.22	+0.17 ↑
1 RUR	41.00	41.08	-0.19 ↓

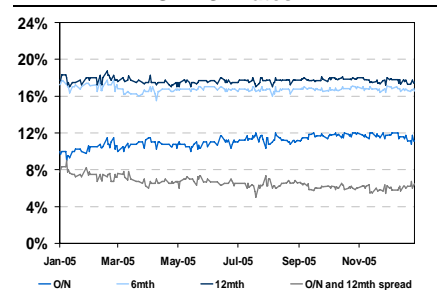
Key interest rates in national currency as of 30.12.2005 (in % per annum)

Refinancing rate of CB RU	16.00
UZIBOR (12 months)	17.55
AWACRI	22.75
CBCAP (UZS)	184.52
CBCAP (USD)	153.09

Corporate Bond Coupon Rate



UZIBOR rates



Sources: Avesta Research, Central Bank of RU, Uzbekistan Banking Association

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JSC “Uzpromstroybank”: Achievements for 2005

JSC “Uzpromstroybank”, being one of the leading banks, finished the financial year with more than positive results, «Uzreport.com» informs referencing to the interview with Nodir Nosirov, the first vice-president of the bank. Thus, the statutory fund as of December 1, 2005 made up 11.3b UZS. Along with the financing of the entities with the national currency, the bank was making loans in the foreign currency as well, both through the credit lines of international financial institutions (IFIs) and own means. Assets amounted to 555b UZS.

The successful activity in 2005 was predetermined by the targeted manpower policy that allowed ensuring the stable growth of all main financial indicators, introducing new banking services and expanding the financial market coverage. The major aim of the bank in the sphere of loan-making is the increase of high-quality and high-return portfolio on the basis of minimization and diversification of credit risks, the increase of the competitiveness of bank’s loan services through offering the customized flexible-term loans. The credit portfolio amounted to 301.3b UZS (+65.8b UZS comparing to the beginning of 2005).

In order to establish the partner relationship, several meetings and negotiations with many foreign and IFIs, and export-credit agencies were organized throughout 2005. The credit lines of a number of leading German, Chinese, Italian, Turkish, Czech banks for financing the export and EBRD credit line for financing the small business enterprises are open at the bank. “Uzpromstroybank” continues to strengthen the positions of modern competitive bank in Uzbekistan via the optimal distribution of priorities among the main line of activities – work with corporate and individual clients, and projects financed by the government.

JSC “Uztransgaz” will supply 750M m³ to Kyrgyzstan in 2006

“Prime-TASS” reports on this event, referencing to the management of NHC “Uzneftegaz”, the member of which the company is. The representative of the holding specified that the contract with JSC “Kyrgyzgaz” was signed at the price of \$55 for 1,000 m³ and on terms of 100% prepayment in the amount of planned volume supplied every month. It was reported earlier that the price on the exported gas to Russia, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan would be increased from \$42 to \$55 for 1,000 m³. The representative underlined that JSC “Kyrgyzgaz” had agreed with new price, considering it economically justified. The demand for gas in Kyrgyzstan is satisfied by JSC “Kaztransgaz” on the contract with “Uztransgaz” (2.0b m³ for Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan). In 2004 due to debts (about \$13.0m) on the supplied gas, the Uzbek party declined to sign the contract; during 2004 and the first half of 2005, JSC “Kyrgyzgaz” had to use the gas supplied by Kazakhstan.

Chinese companies carried out the modernization of OJSC “Sino”

Chinese companies Henan Henfey Electric and Hayer Group realized the modernization of OJSC “Sino” (Samarqand), the monopoly producer of the freezing equipment in Uzbekistan, total cost of \$5.0m, “Prime-TASS” informed with reference to the management of the company. According to the terms of the contract, signed in January 2004, the Chinese companies supplied and accomplished chief-montage of the modern equipment, and introduction into exploitation the production line (projected capacity of 150,000 units a year).

The financing of the project was realized through the loans of Uzbek banks (\$3.5m), attracted without the government guarantees, and also through means of the external managers’ consortium of the plant (according to the decision of the Economic Court in Samarqand region, in 2003 the company was declared as bankrupt with the introduction of external governing procedure). According to the business-plan, developed by the consortium of external governors, it is planned to increase the production capacity up to 250,000 units a year (by the end of 2008), the export to neighbor countries – up to 25,000; and to start the production of conditioning equipment (starting capacity of 3,000 units a year).

Uzbekistan- Poland turnover could reach \$190.0m

«Uzreport.com» informs that on December 29, 2005 at the Trade-economic department of the embassy of the Poland Republic the briefing for Uzbek mass media representatives has been held. Opening the briefing, Marek Piontek, the counselor of the Polish embassy in Uzbekistan, noted that 2005 was a year of further extension of the trade and economic cooperation between two countries. According to Polish statistics, during 10 months of 2005, the turnover amounted to \$158.1m, the export was about 2 times more and made up \$37.0m, and import rose to \$121.1m. By the end of 2005 the turnover could reach \$190.0m.

38% of Polish export to Uzbekistan account to food, 21% - equipment, 11% - vehicles, 9% - chemical goods. The Uzbek export is presented as follows: 79% - mineral products and cotton, 17% - first cotton processed produce, 3.5% - plastics. Mr. Marek Piontek said that in 2006 the priority lines would be the further strengthening of the contractual basis of mutual trade-economic cooperation, all possible promotion to increase Polish-Uzbek trade, extension of the both export and import nomenclature, support of mutual investment activities, promotion of the enlarge and development of mutually beneficial contacts on the level of chambers of commerce, associations, companies, and firms, development of the regional cooperation.

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