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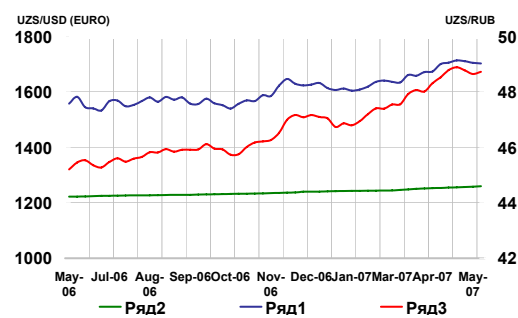
Official exchange rate of the CB RU to major world currencies (UZS)

| | 19.06.2007 | 12.06.2007 | Chg./% |
|--------|------------|------------|--------|
| 1 USD | 1263.54 | 1261.63 | +0.15↑ |
| 1 EUR | 1691.88 | 1684.28 | +0.45↑ |
| 1 GBP | 2498.65 | 2481.25 | +0.70↑ |
| 10 JPY | 103.31 | 103.76 | -0.43↓ |
| 1 RUR | 48.54 | 48.56 | -0.04↓ |

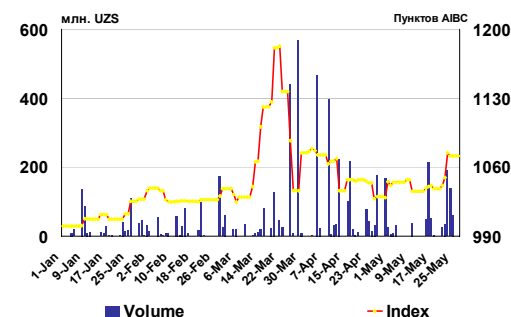
Key interest rates in national currency (in % per annum)

| | 19.06.2007 | Change in 3 months |
|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| CBU rate | 14,00 | -2% |
| UZIBOR (12 m.) | 14,00 | +1,37% |
| AWACRI | 21,74 | -4.6% |
| AIBC | 1081,158 | +0,13% |

Dynamics of exchange rates for 52 weeks



AIBC dynamic



The main macroeconomic indicators of Uzbekistan for 2002-2006.

| indicator | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| GDP, trill. UZS | 7,45 | 9,84 | 12,2 | 15,2 | 20.8 |
| Real GDP growth % | 4,0 | 4,4 | 7,7 | 7 | 7.3 |
| State budget execution % to GDP (-deficit./+surplus.) | -0,8 | -0,4 | -0,4 | +0,1 | -- |
| Foreign trade turnover, billions of USD | 5,7 | 6,7 | 8,7 | 9,5 | 10.7 |
| Inflation (CPI), % | - | 3,8 | 3,7 | 7,8 | 6.8 |

Source: State Committee of Statistics of RUz, Avesta Research

Today

Upcoming events calendar

No events are expected

"Uzbekneftegaz" has prepared development program

National holding company "Uzbekneftegaz" within 2007-2011 will buy chisel installations and seismic complexes in total cost 275 million US dollars. The given project is realized within the framework of development program of oil-and-gas sector, informs IA "*press-uz.info*".

Within the framework of project, JSC "Uzgeoburneftegaz" has signed the contract with Chinese China Petroleum Technology and Development Corporation (CPTDC) on delivery 23 chisel installations and special technics in cost 203 million US dollars in 2007-2008, and also with China National Machinery Industry Corporation (SINOMACH) on delivery of 10 cementing units in cost 6,1 million US dollar.

The contracts with the Chinese companies will be financed with credit of the Chinese Eximbank in amount of 177,6 million US dollars, and also from own means of NHC "Uzbekneftegaz" in amount of 31,5 million US dollars.

Within the framework of the project, "Uzbekneftegaz" will also purchase the seismic exploration equipment for total cost nearby 65 million US dollars. In particular, it is planned to buy ten digital telemetering seismic stations for seismic prospecting. Financing of purchases will be carried out due to own means of NHC "Uzbekneftegaz".

Only during 2000 – 2006 period of time 26 new oil and gas deposits and field has been opened in the republic, while 10 out of them are located in high perspective region Ustjurt.

In total, for the period up to 2012 in all oil and gas regions, it is planned to carry out deep drilling activities in more than 100 perspective objects. For performance of this activities, works on stage-by-stage updating park of the chisel equipment, special techniques for drilling and test of chinks, as well as devices, the equipment and the equipment for geophysical and laboratory researches is being carried out.

With a view of increasing a gain of stocks of hydrocarbons, active works on attraction of foreign investors for conducting prospecting works is being carried out at the present moment.

At the present moment, 44 investment blocks are allocated among foreign investors for carrying out prospecting works on their territories in Uzbekistan. 21 block has been provided with relevant licenses for foreign investors, while on 8 blocks negotiations with foreign companies is taking place.

Stable growth of population has been observed by demographers

The population of Uzbekistan at present rates of growth can reach 27 million people to the middle of 2008. For the 1st of April 2007, number of resident population of the country has made 26,7 million people, informs an internet site "*banker.uz*".

From the beginnings of current year the population has increased on 82 thousand people, or for 0,3%. The natural increase of the population in I quarter of current year has made 92,1 thousand people, 67,9 thousand, or 73,7% out of them are on countryside.

Number born in I quarter of 2007 has made 132,3 thousand people (growth in comparison with the similar period of 2006 is 8,6%). The rate of birth has made 20 ppm against 18,7 ppm in 2006.

The statistical information shows that the increase in birth rate has been observed in all regions. Significant growth has been monitored in Fergana (from 16,7 up to 19,3 ppm), and Tashkent (from 16,8 up to 19,1 ppm) regions as well as in Karakalpakstan (from 18,3 up to 20,3 ppm).

The number death has increased in comparison with I quarter 2006 on 3,1 thousand people, or for 8,4%. The highest parameter of death rate is marked in a Tashkent (9,2 ppm), while the lowest - in the Dzhizak region (4,8 ppm).

At present rates of natural growth of the population in case of quarterly addition nearby 80-82 thousand people, the number of population can already reach 27 million in a year. Besides, it is necessary to consider that in the country significant percent of youth and people of middle age (about 56% of the population - in the age of from 15 up to 64 years) which can give higher parameters of birth rate. Significant addition will fall still to a countryside where lives 63% of the population of the country.

Information about cellular phone operators of Uzbekistan

According to research conducted by Russian consulting company ACM-Consulting, the user's base of the cellular communication operator "MTS-Uzbekistan" for May 2006, has grown on 51 635 person, having reached a mark in 1 847 549 subscribers, while the quantity of users of "Beeline" in the territory of Uzbekistan has raised on 21 921 user, having made 1 150 100 subscribers.

The consolidated user's base of "MTS" and "Vimpelcom" makes on the end of October, 2006 has made 78 050 140 and 58 403 325 respectively. The share of their Uzbek divisions makes 2,37% and 1,97% respectively. On parameters on the end of April the share "MTS-Uzbekistan" in the consolidated user's base "MTS" made 2,31% and a share "Biline" in "Vimpelcom" - 1,93%. The provisional share of the market, belonging MTS makes about 50%, and at "Vimpelcom" - 34%. Other share is divided by companies Coscom, Perfectum Mobile and Uzbektelecom Mobile.

Subscriber base of MTS and VimpelKom

| Company | 31.05.2007 | Share, % | Growth, user. | Growth, % | 31.04.2007 | Share, % |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|---------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| MTS, including | 78 050 140 | 100,00% | 145 105 | 0,19% | 77 905 035 | 100,00% |
| Russia | 52 149 087 | 66,81% | 309 915 | 0,60% | 51 839 172 | 66,54% |
| Moscow | 11 757 805 | 15,06% | 138 165 | 1,19% | 11 619 640 | 14,92% |
| Ukraine (UMC) | 20 423 690 | 26,17% | -256 964 | -1,24% | 20 680 654 | 26,55% |
| MTS-Uzbekistan | 1 847 549 | 2,37% | 51 635 | 2,88% | 1 795 914 | 2,31% |
| Turkmenistan | 220 280 | 0,28% | 11 426 | 5,47% | 208 854 | 0,27% |
| Byelorussia | 3 409 534 | 4,37% | 29 093 | 0,86% | 3 380 441 | 4,34% |
| VimpelKom, including. | 58 403 525 | 100,00% | 909 023 | 1,58% | 57 494 502 | 100,00% |
| Russia | 49 355 822 | 84,51% | 552 963 | 1,13% | 48 802 859 | 84,88% |
| Moscow | 10 443 948 | 17,88% | 64 954 | 0,63% | 10 378 994 | 18,05% |
| Kazakhstan (KaR-Tel) | 4 702 289 | 8,05% | 203 156 | 4,52% | 4 499 133 | 7,83% |
| Ukraine (WellCOM) | 2 501 775 | 4,28% | 79 335 | 3,28% | 2 422 440 | 4,21% |
| Tajikistan | 190 096 | 0,33% | 21 921 | 13,03% | 168 175 | 0,29% |
| Uzbekistan | 1 150 100 | 1,97% | 41 871 | 3,78% | 1 108 229 | 1,93% |
| Armenia (Armentel) | 488 701 | 0,84% | 6 245 | 1,29% | 482 456 | 0,84% |
| Greece | 14742 | 0,03% | 3 532 | 31,51% | 11210 | 0,02% |

Source: ACM-Consulting, Calculations: Avesta Research

System of granting licenses has been changed

The State Committee on geology and mineral resources (SCGMR) of Uzbekistan is appointed by the authorized body on licensing for the right of use of sites of bowels, including for investigation and extraction of hydrocarbons.

The new order of licensing has been approved by the special decision of Islam Karimov, the president of Uzbekistan, published in Tuesday in local press. Up to present moment, licensing for search and investigation of oil-and-gas deposits, an oil recovery and gas was carried out by the national holding company (NHC) "Uzbekneftegaz", informs and internet site "*vesti.uz*".

The document approves new regulations about the order and conditions of using by sites of bowels in the republic according to which, licenses stand out separately on each type of using bowels. Position stipulates simultaneous delivery of several licenses to one user of bowels for development of close located deposits if according to the executed technical and economic calculations their joint development is profitable only.

New position is applied by granting sites of bowels in using on PDA conditions if other is not stipulated by the legislation about PDA. According to new order, all earlier received licenses for investigation and extraction of minerals, including oil and gas, are a subject to renewal. Term for renewal is established within two months from the date of an output of the decision of the president that is till 7th of August of current year. Necessity of renewal of licenses extends both on the local enterprises and the organizations, and on foreign investors.

The committee has created the special license group which will be engaged not only licensing for the right of use of bowels, but also monitoring of performance of license agreements. In recent years, Uzbekistan is toughening requirements to performance of license agreements in oil-and-gas sphere, including foreign investors.

In the beginning of this year, the government has warned the foreign companies about possibility of response of licenses from them, in case of not fulfilling investment obligations.

Comments on trading results at UzSE «Toshkent»

According to trading results carried on 20th of June, 2007 at UzSE "Toshkent", the total volume of trades has made 72 949 987 UZS. Transactions with 38 543 units of shares of 12 issuers have been carried out.

The leader on volume of the tenders became - "Kurgontepa tuman MTP" - one transaction in primary market with national currency for a total sum 23.8 million UZS (7 227 units of shares at nominal value) has been concluded with the shares of the company. The second place has borrowed - "Pakhtabank" - 14 transactions for a total sum 23 million UZS (23 653 units of shares at nominal value) has been concluded.

Trading results at UzSE «Toshkent» for 20.06.2007

| Issuer | Region | Sector | Max. Price of transac., UZS/USD | Number of shares | Amount of transaction, UZS | Price / nominal |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Kurgontepa tum MTP | Andijan | Agriculture | 3 300 | 7 227 | 23 849 100 | 1,00 |
| Pakhta-bank | Tashkent | Bank | 1 000 | 23 653 | 23 653 237 | 1,00 |
| Ohangaronshifer | Tashkent reg. | Construction | 20 000 | 893 | 17 860 000 | 20,00 |
| Furqat MTP | Ferghana | Agriculture | 1 050 | 3 000 | 3 150 000 | 1,05 |
| New Tradition Investment | Tashkent | Finance | 100 000 | 25 | 2 500 000 | 1,00 |
| Toshkent lok-buyoq zavodi | Tashkent | Chemical industry | 12 000 | 56 | 672 000 | 12,00 |
| Lazzat KICHAJ | Tashkent reg. | Food industry | 200 | 3 163 | 632 600 | 1,00 |
| Kishloqhujalikkimyo | Самарканд | Chemical industry | 1 550 | 202 | 313 100 | 1,55 |
| Uzbektelekom | Tashkent | Communication | 2 125 | 70 | 148 750 | 2,13 |
| Elektrtarmoqqurilish | Tashkent | Energy-sector | 600 | 237 | 142 200 | 1,00 |
| Uzelektromontaj | Tashkent | Construction | 5 000 | 3 | 15 000 | 1,00 |
| Turon-Markazqurilish | Tashkent | Construction | 1 000 | 14 | 14 000 | 1,00 |
| Итого | | | | 38 543 | 72 949 987 | |

Source: UzSE «Toshkent», Calculations by: Avesta Research

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