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CLEAN EARTH CAPITAL BOUGHT EX MILITARY BARRACKS BUBANJSKI HEROJI LAND PROPERTY

American company Clean Earth Capital bought 15 hectares of land property where once military barracks Bubanjski heroji had been located. Niš got new investor who would invest 60 mil EUR in our city.



Press conference after auction for land property of ex military barracks Bubanjski heroji

Two bidders applied for the purchase of unconstructed publicly owned land property on the location of ex military barracks Bubanjski heroji. One bid was discarded due to the invalid submitted application documentation.



The winning bidder - the company Clean Earth Capital intends to build commercial and residential complex which is expected to be completed in next five years. This new complex will be the new center of City Municipality Palilula.

City of Nis expects to derive income of 20 mil EUR with the realisation of this project. The investor will clear all existing objects on the above mentioned location away; it will develop and equip the land property infrastructurally. Upon the completion of the construction, the investor will transfer 21.000 m2 of the residential premises into the ownership of Nis City which will be handed over to RS Ministry of Defense according to the agreement reached between the City

of Nis and RS Ministry of Defense on the exchange of property.

Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic said that after three years of hard work the city completed one of its priority projects - finding the best use for 15 hectares of land in the very city center, the land which had been neglected for past 10 years. We proved to be the city with favourable business climate and we proved that our administration could be efficient. The City of Niš with its projects of converting military property for civil uses is the example of good practice in the cooperation with Serbian government.

The founder of Clean Earth Capital Company, Mr. Philip Bay



Philip Bay, Founder of Clean Earth Capital

thanked Nis City Mayor for expressed professionalism and high transparency in the work of city administration. He promised to be the best promoter of Nis City good business environment and quality of doing business here.

BELGIAN COMPANIES INVESTING IN NIS

Milos Simonovic, Nis City Mayor, Serge Ameye, Belgian Company Greenworks director and Tamara Drecun Vasic, Eco-Tech Solutions director signed MoU on the implementation of new investment in Nis.

The factory for animal waste treatment will be built according to highest European environmental and security standards. This new plant will be built in the industrial zone at the Ivana Milutinovica Street. It is expected to employ 400 workers.

Greenworx Holding is a Belgian company which specializes in renewable energy and environmental projects and it is already present in Serbia via their joint venture with Belgian Electrawinds in a rendering plant (environmental friendly treatment of slaughter house waste) in Indjija. Greenworx Holding now intends to take the lead in the development of a larger industrial zoning in Nis for centralizing Green Projects such as rendering, industrial waste treatment, biomass and waste to energy in general.

The coming of another investor to Nis is the result of the work done by Nis City Representative Office in Brussels and negotiations between Mayor Simonovic and the Company

Greenworks representative.

"We have managed to secure the realisation of another big and serious investment and thus refute all those skeptics who did not believe in my work and the work done by Nis City Representative Office", said Mayor Simonovic. "If you want to do something, it takes time, commitment and clearly set objectives. Nis has been recognized as the desirable destination for investments because of the efficiency in issuing necessary permits and I am sure that our new investors will be satisfied with the work of our administration."

City of Nis and Greenworks Holding agreed to explore opportunities to work together in order to support creation of favourable conditions regarding the establishment of long term cooperation and project driven strategic partnership based on mutual interests, trust and respect.

"We hope that we could help Nis to become the center of green technologies in Serbia", said Ameye.



Signing MoU for new investment

FREE ZONE IN NIS

Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic and Prokuplje Municipality president Milan Arsovic signed the Contract on Establishing Free Zone.

In March this year, RS Government adopted the Strategy for the Development of Free Zones till 2016 and new incentives for export oriented zone users doing business in the zones.

The companies which decide to do their business in the zone will have fiscal benefits (exemptions from any tax burden for customs fee and VAT. Additional incentives are expected to be adopted additionally by RS Government.

MoUs that RS Government and City of Nis signed with the companies Yura Corporation, Dytech, Shin Won and Benetton stipulate the provision of establishing free zones where those companies will do their business.

Free Zone South, with HQ in Nis, is located on three different locations: in industrial zone DONJE MEDJUROVO and NITEX Complex, both in Nis. The third location is in industrial zone in Prokuplje where the factory LEONI is. This Free Zone should start operating by end of 2012; it will employ 7500 workers and the total investment is 90mil Euros (43.2 mil EUR by Benetton,



Free Zone Contract signed

15 mil EUR by Yura, 15 mil EUR by Leoni, 13 mil EUR by Shin Won and 8 mil EUR by Dytech). Decision for establishing Free Zone South has been made by City of Nis and Municipality of Prokuplje, where Nis will have 70% of interest and Prokuplje 30%. Also, the decision was made to form the company to manage the free zone. The free zone founders will forward the request for establishing zone borders to the RS Ministry of Finance Administration for Free Zones. The companies, which will be using the services of this free zone, are mostly from automobile and textile industry.

COMPLETION OF DYTECH FACTORY IN MARCH 2012

Giuliano Zucco, president and CEO of Dytech Dynamic Fluid Technologies replied to the interest expressed by Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic about the investment project implementation progress confirming the strategic importance of the factory in Nis for the company. Mr. Zucco stated that the factory would be completed in March 2012 and that most of the machinery and equipment had already been opted. The investment by Dytech is 13 million Euros worth and the new factory will employ 400 workers.



Dytech factory in March

BAS RESULTS PRESENTED

The survey on the opinion of the business community done by Nis Association of Economists was presented at the presentation held at Nis City Hall.

The survey has been done as the activity of the project that City of Nis has been implementing with Danish programme of Local Economic Development in the Balkans (LEDIB). The project of Internal and External SME Networking has the objective to improve the competitiveness of the SME sector by creating and implementing the local economic development policies and conditions for the establishing and expanding existing enterprises.

120 companies doing business on the territory of Nis City have been surveyed on the questions of current situation and needs of business community and about the problems they are facing. Also the objective was to identify the mechanism for overcoming the shortcomings in the cooperation between business community and local self government with the final objective of creating best possible policy for developing small and medium sized companies.

According to Milan Randjelovic, the Head of OLED, this kind of surveys are useful for local self government to define within their jurisdictions the mechanisms for providing support to enterprises.

According to Prof Boban Stojanovic, the president of Nis Association of Economists, this survey showed that measures undertaken by local self-government so far were assessed with high grades compared to the survey on the same question done in 2009.

MOU FOR CALL CENTER AND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUANCE CENTER SIGNED

MoUs on the methods of operation for the City Call Center and unique Construction Permits Issuance Center were signed at Nis City Hall.

Those two centers are part of the Project Improvement of City Services and Management Capacities in the City of Nis. The project objective is improving every day functioning of the city administration departments and services and introducing EU standards. The project is financed by EU through Exchange 5 Programme. Total project value is 143.000EUR out of which 122.000 is donated by EU while the rest is contributed by City of Nis.

The Call Center will be the place where the citizens will be able to get all the information about the functioning of city administration departments and public utility companies. Also the citizens will be able to contact call center by phone, e-mail or text messages and report the problems they have which are under

the jurisdiction of the communal service companies. After receiving the complaint from a citizen, the employees in the center will contact respective public utility companies, report the problem, and within 48 hours the problem will be resolved or the citizens will be informed about needed time for the removal of malfunctioning.

By establishing Center for Construction Permits Issuance the flow of information will be improved and the process for issuing the permits will be speeded up. This center will be the place where the companies and individuals will be able to get all the necessary information about the possibilities and regulations related to the construction on Nis City territory. Also the official request can be submitted at the center. The

center will mediate between the local and republic administrative services in charge of issuing the necessary permits (Nis City Administration for Planning and Construction, Nis City Mail Reception Service, Republic Geodetic Authority Office and Cadastre Office Nis).

MoUs were signed by Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic and the directors of 9 city and national public utility companies (Mediana, Naissus, City Heating Plant, Gorica, City Development Agency, Jugoistok, Telekom, Jugorosgaz, Republic Geodetic Authority Office and Nis Cadastre Office). This project is being realized in cooperation with NGO Balkan Development Team and City of Aarhus from Denmark.

MAYOR OF IZMIT IN NIS

Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic met with Mayor of Izmit Nevzat Dogan at Nis City Hall.

The Mayors of Izmit and Nis talked about Protocol on Partnership between two cities which had significant part in the world history. They also discussed the participation of Nis City in the projects which would mark the Edict of Milan signing anniversary.

Mayor Dogan said that he was honored to be in Nis. He also added that he was pleased to welcome Nis City delegation in Izmit on the occasion of celebrating Edict of Nicomedia 1700th anniversary. In the name of the Four Tetrarchs appointed in Carnuntum, Galerius issued the Nicomedia Edict of Tolerance (today the City of Izmit) on April 30th, 311, which was extended by Constantine the Great and Licinius through the „Edict of Milan” in 313, thus granting religious liberty to all creeds.

Mayor Simonovic said on the occasion of Izmit City Mayor's visit to Nis

that historic links between two cities were the reasons for initiating the discussion about partnership. Izmit, as developed industrial and university center, could be a valuable partner to the City of Nis. Mayor Simonovic added that he hoped the cooperation would be extended into economic and scientific sectors besides cultural and historical.

City of Izmit is one of the participants in the international project Art Carnuntum - Cities of Tolerance led by Pier Bordin, the head of Petronell Carnuntum from Austria. Project Art Carnuntum Cities of Tolerance gives for the first time insight into the dimensions of the new order and the results of the historic events that took place at Carnuntum and changed the world and culture forever. 1700 years ago, on November 11, 308 A.D. the Conference at Carnuntum took place under the

leadership of the former emperor Diocletian. The decision was made that was very important for mankind: by establishing Tetrarchy (Rule of Four), the power over the Roman Empire was redistributed. The rulers of the East were now Galerius as Augustus and Maximinus as Caesar; the West was ruled by Licinius as Augustus and Constantine as Caesar.

On the occasion of celebrating Nicomedia Edict anniversary, the City of Izmit was officially proclaimed the City of Tolerance. The celebration was attended by many distinguished guest, the Mayors of friend cities, the representative of the diplomatic community in Istanbul. This celebration was a good opportunity for City of Izmit to honor its partners and friends. Thus, Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic was declared City of Izmit honorary citizen.

FYROM HANDBALL FEDERATION IN NIS

Nis City Mayor Milos Simonovic met with FYROM Handball Federation president Mihajlo Mihajlovski and secretary general Marjan Navčeski at Nis City Hall.

The Men's EHF EURO 2012 Preliminary Round matches of Group B will be played in the Cair Arena from January 15 until January 29. FYR Macedonian fans bought 3500 tickets for each of their Preliminary Round matches, while the rest have gone to supporters of Germany, Sweden and the Czech Republic, the other three teams in Group B. FYR Macedonia will be taking part in their first major tournament since the 2008 World Championship in Croatia and the proximity of Nis to the former Yugoslav republic, whose capital Skopje is only a two-hour drive from the Cair Arena, has benefited both their fans and the organizers. Those FYR Macedonian fans that did not get tickets for the team's three Preliminary Round matches in Nis will be able to watch them on giant screens in the city's fan zone.



FYROM Handball Federation representatives visiting Nis

FYROM Handball Federation wanted to discuss with the Nis City authorities finding the best possible location for the fan zone.

"I am positive that Nis will be good host during the championship. It is very important to honor the teams' fans as well", said Mayor Simonovic.

GETTING READY FOR MEN'S EHF EURO 2012

RS Minister of Interior and First Vice-President Ivica Dacic and FYROM Minister of Interior Gordana Jankulovska signed MoU on cooperation in providing security measures during EHF EURO 2012 scheduled from January 15 to January 29, 2012 in Serbia.

On this occasion both ministers remarked that this MoU represented another sign of good cooperation between neighbouring countries and expressed their hopes that the championship would pass without any incidences. Men's EHF EURO 2012 Preliminary Round matches of Group B will be played in Sports Hall Cair. According to Serbian Handball Federation, 3000 spectators are expected to arrive from FYROM and a significant number of fans are expected also from Sweden and Germany. At the meeting with Mayor Simonovic held earlier this month, FYROM handball federation asked from the city authorities to approve the location for

setting up the fan zone.

After signing the MoU at Nis City Hall, Minister Dacic and Mayor Simonovic visited the reconstructed Sports Center Cair. Sports Center Cair now has completely new interior, wider capacity, new air-conditioning system, stairways, and reconstructed dressing rooms, medical block and telescopic stands. It is fully equipped to host the biggest sports events. The reconstruction works started in spring. Only the old construction framework has been kept and in less than six months the brand new sports facility was built. It satisfies high standards of sports federations referring to provision

DAVIS CUP IN NIS

International Tennis Federation (ITF) and Serbian Tennis Federation delegation visited sports Hall Cair to inspect the technical criteria for organizing Davis Cup in Nis. At the press conference held at Nis City Hall, Ms. Karoline Prezich from ITF confirmed that Nis would be the venue of Davis Cup World Group first round matches between Swedish and Serbian national teams.

Vuk Nikolic, Davis Cup technical director said that Serbian Tennis Federation had an excellent cooperation with Nis City and Mayor Simonovic and he promised that tennis federation would do everything within their power to organise the matches successfully.

"I am sure that Nis will be a good host and that it will prove once again that we are ready for top sports events. We have been determined to get the organization of those matches and our determination and efforts gave the results. The citizens of Nis and whole South East Serbia will have the chance to enjoy in real tennis spectacle. It is our contribution to the promotion of tennis in this part of Serbia", said Mayor Simonovic.



RS Minister of Interior Ivica Dacic and FYROM Minister of Interior Gordana Jankulovska visiting Sports Hall Cair

of the unhampered communication between the organisation, spectators, sportsmen and media.