

Information received from the Commission Delegation in Moscow

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**Official opening of Construction of Chernyshevskoye border crossing post, Kaliningrad region**

*On 4 July 2005, an official opening of the construction of the border crossing point in Chernyshevskoye, Kaliningrad region will be held with the participation of representatives of the European Commission. The project received EU funding of 7,995 million euro in the framework of the Cross-Border Cooperation (CBC).*

The overall objective of the project is to increase the capacity of the border crossing in Chernyshevskoye (between Russia and Lithuania) to cater for 1,150 cars, 300 trucks and 50 buses per day. It is expected to complete the construction by the end of this year.

Russian partners of the project include the Russian Federal Customs Service Moscow Headquarters and the representation in the North-West Customs Office in St. Petersburg.

The project is implemented by Budimex (Poland). ARUP (UK) and Finnroad (Finland) are the supervisory agencies of the contract.

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**THE EU SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BORDER CROSSING POST IN KALININGRAD REGION, CHERNISHEVSKOYE, AT RUSSIAN - LITHUANIAN BORDER**

Today the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia, the Federal Customs Service and the Contractor Budimex S.A. (Poland) signed a contract of 7.995 000 euros for the construction of the Chernishevskoye Border Crossing Post, financed by the EU through the EU-Russia Cooperation programme. The Russian Project Partner - The Federal Customs Service - is contributing additional amounts for preparatory works and for procurement of all special, office and IT equipment needed for the authorities working in the border crossing.

Announcing the signature of the contract, the Head of the European Commission Delegation Ambassador Marc Franco said: *"This project is the largest single grant of the European Union ever made for one border crossing post under the Cross Border Cooperation Programme. The significance of this project is also related to the fact that it is the largest single contribution ever made for the support of development in the Kaliningrad Region."*

Mr Azarov, Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service stated: *"I welcome this very important contribution of the EU which allows us to put in place a modern border crossing post in the Kaliningrad region"*

*in this way facilitating the transit of goods and persons between Kaliningrad and main land of Russia."*

Budimex S.A. is the largest group of construction companies on the Polish market. In Russia, Budimex has constructed a number of buildings in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk and Kaliningrad, including Novosibirsk and Kaliningrad, including the Gusev-Goldap border crossing post, opened for traffic in 1999 and the major part of the Bagrationovsk border crossing post, opened for traffic in 2003.

In 1999 a new border crossing post was built in Kibertai, on Lithuania side, with 35% EU co-financing (from the EU Phare Programme). The construction of the Chernyshevskoye border crossing post will improve the Russian side post to meet the international standards for border crossing posts, as agreed between EU and Russia in 2003. Already in 2002 the Federal Customs Service selected the design company of border crossing and assigned Kaliningradpromproject to provide the basic and detailed design. The Kaliningrad Customs Service has already performed all preparatory works on the construction site permitting the Contractor to access immediately the works site.

This new larger international border crossing post with capacity of 1500 cars/day will be located close to the state border and the previous post. The new border post consists of several buildings, as the tourists and the cargo will have separated premises for customs and border checking and there also will be premises for detailed checking of the vehicles. The total area of the buildings will be ca. 4,800m<sup>2</sup>. The border post will also have several canopies, booths, parking areas and fencing. The Russian authorities working at the border post are: customs, border guards, immigration, sanitary, phytopathology and veterinary inspection services.

The new Chernyshevskoye border crossing post will be operational by Spring 2006.