



MANUFACTURING OF OPTICAL EQUIPMENT

PROJECT

For implementation there is provided a project on building of **optical equipment plant**.

The project is considered promising due to the following reasons:

- World market of optical systems and components totals USD 22,8 bn growing annually on average 7% during the last 5 years. The market is forecasted to double by 2020.
- World-class scientific provision of optical industry in Belarus (top 20 according to aggregate citation index in the photonics field, 2nd place according to average one), considerable groundwork in optical equipment manufacturing.
- Human resources with the lowest labor cost among Customs Union members, development of laser and optical equipment manufacturing is supported at the state level.
- Potential market is Customs Union (average annual growth rate of Russian optical equipment imports is 18%, Belarusian one 21%, Russian imports totaled USD 150 mn in 2012).
- Capex varies between USD 30-40 mn, IRR 15-20%.

MARKETS

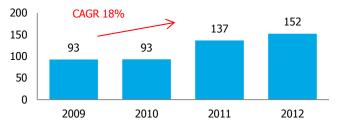
Customs Union market:

- Annual average growth rate of optical equipment imports in Russia over 2009-2012 is **18%**, the imports exceeded **USD 150 mn** in 2012.
- Annual average growth rate of optical microscopes over 2009-2012 is 26% (the imports in 2012 – USD 86 mn); binocular and astronomical instruments – 76% (the imports in 2012 – USD 29 mn).

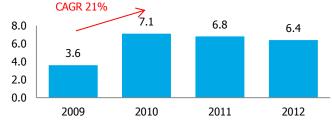
Internal market of Belarus:

- Annual average growth rate of optical equipment imports in Belarus over 2009-2012 is **21%**.
- Annual growth rate of optical microscopes imports in Belarus over 2009-2012 amounted to 23% (the imports in 2012 USD 3,1 mn); binoculars and astronomical instruments 19% (the imports in 2012 USD 3,2 mn).

Optical equipment imports in Russia, USD mn



Optical equipment imports in Belarus, USD mn



Key segments of photonics market



MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

Global opportunities:

- Optical systems and components segment, accounting for 5% of world photonics market, totals about USD 23 bn.
- And it is expected to reach USD 48 bn by 2018, thus having increased by more than 3 times compared to 2005.
- 15% of world optical equipment market is accounted for by microscopes. World microscopes market exceeded USD 4 bn in 2013, annual average growth over 2010-2013 amounted to 10%. It is expected that the market will reach USD 6,2 bn by 2018.

Local opportunities:

Russia is one of the most dynamic optical equipment markets. Number of outpatient care centers growth rate in Russia over 2009-2012 amounts to 8%.

Attractive segments:

- Optical equipment market in Russia is in its infancy. Demand for beginner-friendly products prevails. Annual average growth rate of the industry exceeds **30%**.
- The key growth driver of the microscopy equipment market is world's growing attention to **nano research**. A highly promising niche in this segment is manufacturing of microfluidic devices, which market is forecasted to reach **USD 5,7 bn** by 2018 with annual average growth rate of **28%**.



World microfluidic device market, USD bn

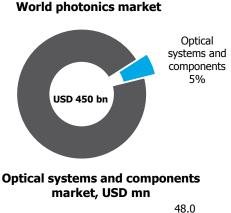
POTENTIAL INVESTORS

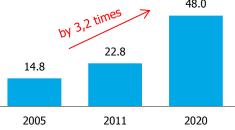
Major manufacturers of optical equipment from China, Europe.

Possibility of establishing a joint venture with one of the optics manufacturers from Belarus, reorienting military production toward consumer segment.

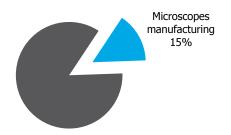
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Capital expenditures for building an optical equipment plant on average vary between USD 30-40 mn.
- Production profitability depends on the purpose of the equipment and on average amounts to 20-30%, payback period is 5-6 years.
- IRR varies within **15-20%**.

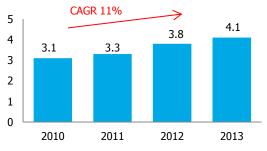




World optical equipment market



World microscopes market, USD bn



Number of outpatient care centers in Russia

