

BiH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DELEGATION
VISITING ASIAN COUNTRY

BiH Delegation Calls for Better Cooperation with Iran

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The delegation of the BiH House of Representatives, which is visiting the Islamic Republic of Iran, met on yesterday Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. House speaker Nikola Spiric informed the President of the progression of reforms in BiH, which are aimed at the European integration of BiH. It was said that the two countries could establish cooperation in the oil industry domain, as well as other economic branches. The BiH delegation called on president Ahmadinejad to personally entice Iranian business people to get involved in the economic development of BiH. The delegation also met with members of the Group of Friendship of Iran and BiH,



Nikola Spiric

formed within the Iranian Parliament, Iranian Deputy Minister of oil and Director of the Iranian National Petrochemical company Ashgar Ebrahimi. Spiric said he grieves for the demeaning of Muslim faith in Europe these past days, saying that BiH citizens know well what happens when the balance inter-religious respect and understanding is violated. Ebrahimi said he would like the reopening of negotiations on Iranian participation in the revival and development of oil facilities in BiH, as well as the construction of new factories in BiH that would supply the European market with petroleum-based products.

R. K.

Adriatic Euro Region to Connect Both Sea Coasts

Representatives of local authorities of Adriatic countries signed yesterday in Venice a joint declaration on the establishment of the Adriatic Euro-region aimed at strengthening of economic development, security and social cohesion and protection of environment in the area, which encom-

passes around 22 million inhabitants on both coasts of the Adriatic Sea. Representatives of local authorities from six Adriatic states from both shores of the Adriatic Sea - Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, BiH, Serbia and Montenegro and Albania - participated in a meeting in Venice. The Adriatic Euro-region will be officially established after regional representation bodies of these states accept the Statute of the new Adriatic Euro-region, while an inaugural assembly will take place in July this year in Brijuni archipelago, Croatia. Governor of Croatian Istra County Ivan Jakovcic is the elected president of the Adriatic Euro-region. The region will be seated in Pula and it will have its representation office in Brussels.

A. Z.



BIFX	4202.34 (-0,28%)	↓
SASX-10	1595.39 (+0,20%)	↑
BIFX	1287,01 (+0,73%)	↑
FIRS	2242,10 (+0,41%)	↑

Alon Means Business with Bosanski Brod Refinery

Israeli Alon is serious company and wishes to make a good deal with Bosanski Brod Oil Refinery in order to create a company which is not only to secure fuel for BiH, but to secure fuel for export, said Miroslav Mikes, Israeli representative.

Alon already had a round of negotiations with RS Government on forming common company with the Refinery. The decision to form common company with foreign partner was made to solve the problems that trouble the Refinery.

Mikes things that first faze of the negotiations is likely to bring some sort of attempt to reach a kind of pre-agreement, regulating crucial elements of future cooperation. They are to be transferred to final agreement on forming common company.

He said that Alon wants to see true state of the Refinery by engaging independent revision companies. "There are objective suspicions that the Government and the Refinery don't calculate with real and true state of things. Alon wants to regulate all obligations, but in order to find out what are those obligations, it need independent revisers" said Mikes. He stated that Price Water House is engaged in this deal, along with Deloitte & Touche, which did revision of the Refinery in 1999.

M. S.

Davidovic Discussed Role of Foreign Trade Chamber in SAA Negotiations

BiH chief negotiator with the European Union Igor Davidovic met yesterday representatives of the BiH Foreign Trade Chamber and discussed joint cooperation and the role of the Chamber in the negotiations on stabilization and association with the European Union.

During the meeting, the officials emphasized the mutual interest for businessmen to get

more actively involved in the process of negotiations, since the Chamber is capable of providing expert assistance in the negotiations on all issues from the field of economy.

The Chamber is able to use the experiences of the countries that have already passed the transition process, on basis of bilateral agreement and membership in the Euro Chamber. **M. S.**

Agreement on Hydropower Plant Jablanica Signed

An agreement was signed yesterday in Jablanica on the regulation of relations in the procedure of issuing of permits for the hydropower plant Jablanica, pursuant to



which public utility Elektroprivreda BiH will in the next three years pay around 3.5 million KM to the Jablanica municipality.

The agreement was signed by chairman of the Jablanica municipal council Mate Mijic and Jablanica Mayor Salem Dedic on behalf of the municipality, and Elektroprivreda general manager Enver Kreso and executive manager Mijo Grgic on behalf of this company. Dedic said that these funds will be used for reconstruction of roads and construction of water supply and sewage networks in Ostrosac and Donji Paprasak. **R. K.**

EU Financed Border Crossing to Be Opened Today

Head of the European Commission Delegation to BiH Michael Humphreys and director of the BiH Indirect Tax Authority Kemal Causevic are to officially open border crossing Karakaj today.

Karakaj is the first border crossing in BiH whose establishment was fully financed by the European Union with 3.9 million Euro, and its construction is a result of successful cooperation between the EC Delegation and the Indirect tax Authority,

which secured the construction permits as well as connection to the power and water networks and telephone.

The Republika Srpska Government covered the costs of expropriation of land, the EC Delegation said. The construction of this border crossing is part of the assistance provided by the EU for the project of integrated management of borders, in the amount of 34.5 million Euro. **A. G.**

Banovici, Djurdjevik, Kreka Mines Awarded Concessions

The Tuzla Canton yesterday made a decision on awarding of concessions to the

The Tuzla Canton Government yesterday made a decision on changes and addenda to the Decision for calculation of the minimum concessions for research and exploitation of minerals, drinking water, industrial water, mineral water and salt water.

With the new decision, the minimal concession is 10 KM per hectare of land. **A. G.**

Banovici coal mine, Djurdjevik coal mine and lignite mine Kreka for the period of five years.

The concession for the use of minerals for the lignite mine will amount to 0.5 KM per ton, and 0.7 KM per ton for the coal mines.

The funds acquired in such way will be distributed to the municipalities where exploitation is conducted and the Tuzla Canton. **A. G.**

RS Expects €150 Mln from Foreign Partners Researching Mineral Resources

Outgoing Prime Minister of the Republika Srpska Pero Bukejlovic met yesterday High Representative to BiH Christian Schwarz-Schilling, read a press release from the RS Government Bureau for Public Relations.

Bukejlovic pointed out that the growth of industrial production of 20 percent was registered last year and that the Government significantly intensified the course of reforms in the field of economy. According to Bukejlovic, the Government has provided 120 million Euro for financing of public projects in this year and the investment of around 150 million Euro from foreign partners is expected this year from concessions for researching and exploitation of mineral resources.

He said that the decisiveness of the Government in the fight against crime and corruption, its insisting on the revision of business operations of public companies, institutions of the Government and local communities and an announcement of carrying out of a law on revision of privatization and origin of property are maybe some of the reasons for the production of a political crisis in the RS.

Schwarz-Schilling said that current political events are part of democratic processes and added he is convinced that they will not destabilize relations in the entities and BiH. **R. K.**

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A Balkan Adventure Beckons for Britain's Railway Workhorses

Travelers in Bosnia could soon enjoy the ambience of Virgin's inter-city trains under a deal to sell 160 old British railway coaches to the war-torn Balkan nation.

The mark 3 coaches have been phased out on Virgin's London-to-Glasgow west coast mainline to make way for tilting Pendolino trains. Still in red Virgin colors, they are presently being stored near Carlisle, Stratford and Teesside at a cost of more than ?1,000 per coach per year.

Porterbrook, the leasing company that owns

the rolling stock, has been searching for a buyer to avoid paying about Pounds 2,500 each to have the trains dismantled. To fulfill environmental legislation, destruction would involve a complicated recycling process.

The deal, worth under Pounds 10 million, would allow Bosnian railways to use the trains from Sarajevo to domestic destinations such as Banja Luka and to neighboring Croatia and Serbia.

Lex Wood, Porterbrook's procurement manager, said Bosnia was desperately short of trains following the conflict, which ripped apart the former Yugoslavia between 1991 and 1995. "Quite a lot of their rolling stock got destroyed," he said. "They have a lot of trains sitting there which are beyond repair." If negotiations with the Bosnians are successful, the trains are likely to be driven across Europe to Sarajevo.

Mr. Wood said it was likely that they would retain the distinctive red seat covers

installed by Virgin. Built in Derby, Mark 3 trains once formed the bulk of Britain's long-distance rolling stock. They are still used by operators including First Great Western and One Anglia and they are widely regarded as the workhorses of the network.

Andrew Clark, *The Guardian*



Winter Days of Tourism on Mt. Vlasic

The Tourist Association of the Central Bosnia Canton will on February 10-12 organize tourism fair "Vlasic Expo Tours 2006" under the motto "Winter days of tourism on Mt. Vlasic."

The fair is to present the local tourist offer, promote BiH tourist potentials, present the hotels and other accommodation capacities, as well as organize numerous meetings and roundtable discussions.

A. G.

Herzegovina Neretva Canton Fails to Adopt Budget

The Herzegovina Neretva Canton Government yesterday failed to adopt the cantonal budget for 2006.

Cantonal Finance Minister Semin Boric said that the Government made the decision on harmonization of revenues with expenditures for February, but that "not a single KM" has been paid to the cantonal deposit account.

"The law on public revenues has not been adopted yet, thus the Indirect Tax Authority has not paid a single KM to any canton," Boric added.

Cantonal Prime Minister Miroslav Coric said that the cantonal budget is to be adopted by April, when the Decision on temporary financing expires.

M. S.

"Financing of Projects in Economy"

A meeting on "Financing of projects in economy" is to be held on February 9 in Zenica, on an initiative of the BiH Federation Investment Bank, BiH Chamber of Commerce and the Zenica Dobojski Canton Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is to discuss possibilities and potentials of the Investment Bank in regard to financing of investment projects in the fields of agriculture, small businesses, stimulation for export and stimulation of development.

A. G.

BiH Farmers Ask for Premium for Colleagues in Kozarska Dubica

The BiH Farmers Association said yesterday that vegetable growers from Kozarska Dubica, with the mediation of the Medjedja Agricultural Cooperative, delivered over 100 tons of pepper to the Vitaminka factory from Banja Luka in the period from 5 September to 5 October last year, and since then have been waiting for the premium in the amount of 0.10 KM per kilogram, which they are not likely to receive this year judging the current situation.

The Association said in a statement that it has asked several times that the policy of providing of subventions, stimulation and awarding of premium for agriculture is regulated by law.

"We have asked Republika Srpska Minister of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry Goran Perkovic to tell us which criteria is applicable for awarding of funds intended for stimulation of domestic agricul-

ture, but have not yet received an answer that would quell the rumors on manipulation with the funds intended for agriculture," President of the Farmers Association Ranko Bakic said.

He added that the scenario from 2004 is repeating "when vegetable growers from Kozarska Dubica did not receive a penny from the promised stimulation funds."

"That additionally de-stimulated the farmers who planned to double the production of pepper this year. The plan was to deliver more than 100 tons to Vitaminka and another 100 tons to the European Union market. These plans are economically unjustified at the current price of 0.42 KM per kilogram and without the premium, and that is why a number of vegetable growers are giving up on the production," said Milan Dodik from the Farmers Association.

R. K.

Livno: Nearly Two Thousand Working on Black Market

Some 1.700 people are working on the black market in Livno Canton, according to the cantonal employment bureau.

The bureau said yesterday that at the end of 2005, the canton had 7.870 unemployed, mostly in Livno municipality (3.372) and Tomislavgrad municipality (2.504).

The unemployment rate in the Canton is around 44%.

A. Z.

SASE

SASX-10 Rose to 1595 Points

Yesterday's turnover at the Sarajevo Stock Exchange was 884.590 KM and was realized within 359 transactions in which 63.309 shares were traded.

The largest turnover was realized with the



shares of Sarajevo Tobacco Factory - 187.000 KM at 280.68 KM per share.

The shares of Centrotans Transport Robe dd Sarajevo skyrocketed 798.20 percent to 90 KM per share, while the shares of Pobjeda dd Tesanj lost -51.46 percent and fell to 6.31 KM.

As for the privatization-investment funds (PIF), the biggest turnover was realized with the shares of PIF Big dd Sarajevo - 55.841.03 KM at 9.79 KM.

BIFX fell 11.78 index points to 4.202.34, which is a fall of 0.28 percent. SASX index rose 3.22 index points to 1595.39, which is up 0.20 percent from the last trade.

A. G.

BANJA LUKA STOCK EXCHANGE Turnover Amounted to 618.361 KM

Yesterday's turnover at the Banja Luka Stock Exchange amounted to 618.362 KM and was realized within 1.370 transactions. BIRS rose 0.73 percent to 1.287.01 index points, while FIRS rose 0.41 percent to 2.242.10 index points. The biggest turnover was realized with the shares of Telekom Srpske - 133.829 KM at the average price of 1.72 KM.

In the segment of privatization-investment funds (PIF), the biggest turnover was realized with the shares of PIF Zepter Fund - 77.715 KM at the average price of 7.30 KM.

A. G.

ABS Bank - Small, Yet Attractive

Past year was marked with big bank groupations starting final consolidation and taking bigger part in BiH banking sector. This process resulted with buying smaller banks. At this point, one of most interesting is small ABS Bank in Sarajevo.

Although it has one of most developed branch networks in the country, ABS at this point has a problem - there is no single shareholder that controls more than 5% of stocks. This prevented Banca Intesa to

take over this bank last year.

The greatest shareholder in ABS Bank is Fadil Hasanbegovic, controlling 3,7% of shares. The Bank is on the 18th place in BiH, and is often compared to ProCredit Bank or Investment Bank FBIH.

ABS bank had 1,42% of banking market share mid last year. Total active of this bank in first six months 2005 was 146,9 million KM.

R. K.

Kalen New Owner of Travnik Heating Plant

Kalen Company from Zenica became major owner of Travnik Heating Plant. The Plant was sold in third tender, at price of 801.000 KM. New owner agreed to pay the purchase in fifteen days. The reconstruction of the Plant is scheduled in fifteen days. Town of Travnik has about 3.000 customers that rely on Travnik Heating Plant.

M. S.

Dutch CEEM Gains 12% of Kakanj Cement Factory Shares

Dutch CEEM Investment Fund B. V. bought 1.137.369 stocks of Cement Factory Kakanj in last three months, increasing its stock share to 12%, reports BH Biznis.

CEEM bought stocks at average price of 13,10 Km per share. Major owner of Cement Factory Kakanj is German Heidelbergcement Group, which controls about 82% of shares.

A. G.

Wood Industry Manjaca Offered for Sale

Privatization Agency offered 64,99% of wood industry Manjaca in Mrkonjic Grad on sale. Bidders must fulfill certain requirements, namely they must proof 2 million KM income in 2003 and 2004. Buyer must maintain basic company's orientation in next three years. Deadline for bids is March 3.

A. Z.

Currency exchange - Central Bank of BiH

The International Banking Code (ISO CODE) for the Convertible Marka is BAM.

Currency exchange - February 7, 2006

Country	Num code	Alpha code	Units	Buy	Middle	Sell
EMU	978	EUR	1	1.955830	1.955830	1.955830
Australa	036	AUD	1	1,215464	1,218510	1,221556
Czech	203	CZK	1	0,068852	0,069025	0,069198
Canada	124	CAD	1	1,423421	1,426988	1,430555
Danmark	208	DKK	1	0,261285	0,261940	0,262595
Croatia	191	HRK	100	26,597688	26,664349	26,731010
Japan	392	JPY	100	1,371198	1,374635	1,378072
Hungary	348	HUF	100	0,779254	0,781207	0,783160
Lithuania	440	LTL	1	0,565032	0,566448	0,567864
Norway	578	NOK	1	0,242443	0,243051	0,243659
Slovakia	703	SKK	1	0,052247	0,052378	0,052509
Slovenia	705	SIT	100	0,814623	0,816665	0,818707
Sweden	752	SEK	1	0,209842	0,210368	0,210894
Switzerland	756	CHF	1	1,253979	1,257122	1,260265
Turkey	949	TRY	1	1,225465	1,228536	1,231607
UK	826	GBP	1	2,855174	2,862330	2,869486
USA	840	USD	1	1,628362	1,632443	1,636524
S&MN	891	CSD	100	2,235809	2,241413	2,247017

SDR (Special Drawing Rights) February 3, 2006

= BAM 2,338605

Sarajevo Stock Exchange

PRICE LIST - February 6, 2006

Symbol	Issuer	Official Price (BAM)	% Change	Open Price	Close Price	Cross Price	Volume	Value (BAM)	No. of Transaction
THE FREE MARKET - STOCK MARKET									
ABSRK2	ABS BANKA D.D. SARAJEVO	205.06	-2.10	200.00	210.00		63	13,021.48	32
AMOSR	AMOS D.D. TUZLA	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00		400	20,000.00	3
BHTSR	BH TELECOM D.D.	25.56	0.16	25.50	25.50		3,239	82,790.80	8
BSNLR	BOSNALIJEK D.D. SARAJEVO	24.00	3.27	23.30	24.00		2,550	61,006.10	10
CSTMR	CESTE D.D. MOSTAR	1.80		1.80	1.80	A	274	493.20	1
CTRBR	CENTROTRANS TRANSPORT ROBE D.D.	90.00	798.20	90.00	90.00		1	90.00	1
ENISR	ENERGOINVEST D.D. SARAJEVO	8.11	-0.11	8.11	8.12		562	4,558.44	3
ERKGRK2	E-RKG D.D. BIHAĆ	4.99	10.89	4.99	4.99		70	349.30	2
FDSSR	FABRIKA DUHANA SARAJEVO DD	280.68	-1.21	282.00	280.00		666	187,007.00	19
FTOPR	FOTO OPTIK D.D. SARAJEVO	235.01	-6.00	235.01	235.01		9	2,115.09	1
GPBPR	GP BOSNAPUTEVI D.D. SARAJEVO	5.00	-16.67	5.00	5.00	A	1,212	6,060.00	1
HDGSR	HIDROGRADNJA D.D. SARAJEVO	6.24	0.78	6.20	6.25		5,991	37,335.62	9
HDMCRK2	HOTEL DALMACIJA D.D. KISELJAK	0.52	-7.14	0.52	0.52	A	216	112.32	1
IGMVR	IGM DIONICKO DRUSTVO VISOKO	12.00	-7.69	12.00	12.00	A	143	1,716.00	1
IKBZRK2	IK BANKA D.D. ZENICA (REDOVNE)	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	A	10	1,500.00	1
JPEMR	JP ELEKTROPRIVREDA HZHB MOSTAR	63.78	-0.34	63.00	64.00		284	18,114.00	6
JPESR	JP ELEKTROPRIVREDA BIH DD SARAJEVO	45.25	0.00	45.25	45.25		196	8,869.00	3
KLASR	KLAS D.D. SARAJEVO	9.00	0.00	9.00	9.00		1,690	15,210.00	4
KRMBR	KRAJINAMETAL	4.98	-0.60	4.98	4.98	A	32	159.36	1
MERMR	MERKUR D.D. MOSTAR	80.00	114.48	80.00	80.00	A	20	1,600.00	4
MKOMRK1	MEDIKOMERC D.D. SARAJEVO	6.00	0.00	6.00	6.00		746	4,476.00	2
NMJGRK2	NAMJESTAJ D.D. GRADACAC	4.00	100.00	4.00	4.00		1,550	6,200.00	8
PBJTRK1	POBJEDA D.D. TESANJ (K2)	6.31	-51.46	6.31	6.31		10	63.10	1
PITZRK1	PIVARA TUZLA D.D. TUZLA	20.60	0.44	20.60	20.60		425	8,755.00	1
RMNTR	REMONTMONTAZA DD TUZLA	10.30	2.49	10.30	10.30		181	1,864.30	2
RMUBR	RMU BANOVICI DD BANOVICI	49.24	3.09	47.76	48.50		2,671	131,213.16	20
SRKTR	SOKO RKT D.D. MOSTAR	14.10	8.46	14.10	14.10	A	87	1,226.70	2
SVIPR	IP SVJETLOST D.D. SARAJEVO	7.00	0.00	7.00	7.00		725	5,075.00	2
UKMCR	UNIS KOMERC D.D. SARAJEVO	4.80	-3.61	4.80	4.80		824	3,955.20	1
UNFTRK2	UNICO FILTER DD TESANJ	20.50	0.49	20.50	20.50	A	169	3,464.50	1
UPIBR	UPI-BANKA D.D. SARAJEVO	375.02	-0.66	375.00	375.04		107	40,126.20	4
ZEILRK2	ZELJEZARA ILIJAS D.D. ILIJAS	6.00		6.00	6.00	A	250	1,500.00	1
THE OFFICIAL MARKET - PIF'S									
BIGFRK1	PIF BIG D.D. SARAJEVO	9.79	-0.46	9.85	9.70		5,703	55,841.03	51
BNSFR	PIF BONUS D.D. SARAJEVO	9.17	1.86	9.18	9.19		1,983	18,183.16	12
BSNFRK1	PIF BOSFIN D.D. SARAJEVO	8.49	-1.29	8.36	8.50		1,032	8,760.29	14
CRBFR	PIF CROBIH FOND D.D. MOSTAR	10.29	-1.78	10.29	10.30		357	3,674.90	9
EFNFR	PIF EUROFOND-1 DD TUZLA	8.33	-0.18	8.35	8.46		3,436	28,639.26	15
FRTFR	PIF FORTUNA FOND DD BIHAC	9.58	0.89	9.50	9.65		1,297	12,430.88	28
HRBFRK1	PIF HERBOS FOND D.D. MOSTAR	11.22	0.67	11.15	10.71		688	7,722.78	7
MIGFR	PIF MI-GROUP D.D. SARAJEVO	1.06	-0.96	1.06	1.06		17,510	18,556.56	12
NPRFRK1	PIF NAPRIJED D.D. SARAJEVO	10.01	0.12	10.00	10.00		1,686	16,879.56	19
PRPFRK1	PIF PROF PLUS D.D. SARAJEVO	9.76	0.27	9.55	9.80		3,837	37,452.46	28
PVNFRK2	PIF PREVENT INVEST DD SARAJEVO	15.78	-1.19	15.79	15.75		407	6,422.53	8
Total:								884,590.28 BAM	

Banja Luka Stock Exchange

PRICE LIST - February 6, 2006

Symbol	Issuer	Avg Price	% Price Change	Best Bid	Best Ask	Max	Min	Volume	Value (BAM)	No. of Transaction
THE OFFICIAL MARKET										
TLKM-R-A	TELEKOM SRPSKE AD BANJA LUKA	1,7200	-0,02	1,71	1,72	1,7200	1,7100	77 820	133 829,22	85
VBBB-R-A	LHB BANKA AD BANJA LUKA	1 380,0000	1,4	1320	1450	1 380,00001	380,0000	14	19 320,00	1
THE OFFICIAL MARKET-PIFS SEGMENT										
BLBP-R-A	PIF BLB-PROFIT AD BANJA LUKA	4,0800	-0,22	3,81	4	4,1000	4,0000	2 541	10 369,45	62
BLKP-R-A	BALKAN INVESTMENT FOND AD BANJA LUKA	5,2200	1,88	5,3	5,4	5,3000	5,2000	1 789	9 331,60	51
BRSP-R-A	PIF BORS INVEST FOND AD BANJA LUKA	4,3000	4,95	4,41	4,49	4,4100	4,3000	2 235	9 614,90	45
EINP-R-A	EUROINVESTMENT FOND AD BANJA LUKA	14,1800	1,28	14,14	14,4	14,4000	14,1400	2 693	38 175,32	65
EKVP-R-A	PIF AKTIVA INVEST FOND AD GRADISKA	4,1100	0,24	4,11	4,19	4,1100	4,1100	896	3 682,56	25
INVP-R-A	PIF INVEST NOVA FOND AD BIJELJINA	0,0790	-1,38	0,078	0,079	0,0790	0,0780	241 152	19 039,79	69
JHKP-R-A	PIF JAHORINA KOIN AD I.SARAJEVO-PALE	2,0000	-8,68	2,01	2,1	2,0000	2,0000	574	1 148,00	13
KRIP-R-A	KRISTAL INVEST FOND AD BANJA LUKA	6,0400	-0,65	6	6,06	6,0500	6,0000	3 279	19 817,00	87
PLRP-R-A	POLARA INVEST FOND AD BANJA LUKA	6,0200	0,44	6,02	6,1	6,1000	6,0000	2 195	13 206,46	59
PRVP-R-A	PIF PRIVREDNIK AD BANJA LUKA	2,9900	-0,35	2,88	3,1	3,0000	2,8800	1 170	3 498,96	29
VBIP-R-A	PIF VB FOND AD BANJA LUKA	4,0000	0	4	4,05	4,0000	4,0000	2 182	8 728,00	60
VIBP-R-A	PIF VIB FOND AD BANJA LUKA	5,1800	-0,08	5,1	5,13	5,1800	5,1000	3 668	18 985,84	178
ZPTP-R-A	PIF ZEPTER FOND AD BANJA LUKA	7,3000	1,33	7,21	7,25	7,3000	7,2100	10 652	77 715,95	245
THE FREE MARKET										
AGKR-R-A	AGROKRAJINA AD BANJA LUKA	0,3600	16,13		0,36	0,3600	0,3600	2 778	1 000,08	1
APBL-R-A	AUTOPREVOZ AD BANJA LUKA	0,0019 A	-20,83		0,0019	0,0019	0,0019	200	0,38	1
BIRA-R-A	BIRAC AD ZVORNIK	0,0580	3,57	0,058	0,06	0,0580	0,0580	90 342	5 239,82	13
BLPV-R-A	BANJALUCKA PIVARA AD BANJA LUKA	1,0100	1	1,01	1,02	1,0100	1,0100	500	505,00	2
BOKS-R-A	BOKSIT AD MILICI	1,0000	0	0,9	1,08	1,0000	1,0000	12 364	12 364,00	27
BVRU-R-A	ZTC BANJA VRUCICA AD TESLIC	0,3500	0	0,35	0,4	0,3500	0,3500	2 979	1 042,65	5
CDST-R-A	CAJAVEC DRUSTVENI STANDARD AD, B.LUKA	0,1700 A	6,25	0,17		0,1700	0,1700	486	82,62	1
CIST-R-A	CISTOCA AD BANJA LUKA	0,5500	-17,42		0,55	0,5500	0,5500	727	399,85	1
DEST-R-A	HEMIJSKA INDUSTRIJA DESTILACIJE ADTESLIC	0,1450	-19,89		0,3	0,1450	0,1450	4 776	692,52	3
DIKL-R-A	DRVNA INDUSTRIJA AD KALINOVIK	0,1280 A	-20		0,16	0,1280	0,1280	1 464	187,39	1
EDPL-R-A	ELEKTRODISTRIBUCIJA AD PALE	0,3410	6,56	0,341	0,37	0,3410	0,3410	8 363	2 851,79	7
EKBL-R-A	ELEKTROKRAJINA AD BANJA LUKA	0,3000	-3,23	0,3	0,31	0,3000	0,3000	17 560	5 268,00	14
EKHC-R-A	ELEKTROHERCEGOVINA AD TREBINJE	0,2540	1,6	0,253	0,32	0,2540	0,2540	2 622	666,00	3
ELBJ-R-A	ELEKTRO-BIJELJINA AD BIJELJINA	0,3310	0,3	0,331	0,34	0,3310	0,3310	16 568	5 484,00	8
ELDO-R-A	ELEKTRO DOBOJ AD DOBOJ	0,3300	-0,3	0,33	0,332	0,3300	0,3300	8 852	2 921,16	8
ELVA-R-A	ELVACO AD BIJELJINA	0,3000	-0,33	0,3	0,35	0,3000	0,3000	7 160	2 148,00	8
FPSR-R-A	FPS AD SREBRENICA	0,5000	0	0,5	0,7	0,5000	0,5000	433	216,50	1
GLST-R-A	GLAS SRPSKI - TRGOVINA AD BANJA LUKA	0,2000	0	0,2	0,299	0,2000	0,2000	919	183,80	1
GRDA-R-A	GRADA AD BANJA LUKA	0,1600	-5,88		0,17	0,1600	0,1600	1 272	203,52	3
GRDP-R-A	GRADIP AD PRNJAVOR	0,3000	0	0,3		0,3000	0,3000	546	163,80	1
HEDR-R-A	HIDROELEKTRANE NA DRINI AD VISEGRAD	0,5520	0	0,552	0,56	0,5520	0,5520	26 884	14 839,96	9
HELV-R-A	HIDROELEKTRANE NA VRBASU AD M.GRAD	0,5000	4,17	0,48	0,55	0,5000	0,5000	55 422	27 711,00	33
HETR-R-A	HIDROELEK. NA TREBISNJICI AD TREBINJE	0,8810	0,11	0,881	0,89	0,8810	0,8810	110 054	96 957,55	40
HPAL-R-A	PALAS AD BANJA LUKA	0,6000	0		0,6	0,6000	0,6000	4 000	2 400,00	21
HTLP-R-A	HOTEL PRIJEDOR AD PRIJEDOR	0,2300	-8		0,23	0,2300	0,2300	2 400	552,00	2
KLAS-R-A	KLAS AD DERVENTA	0,0600 A			0,35	0,0600	0,0600	1 787	107,22	1
KMAG-R-A	KAMENI AGREGATI AD BANJA LUKA	0,7500	-5,06		0,79	0,7500	0,7500	242	181,50	2
LAST-R-A	LASTA AD ISTOCNO SARAJEVO	0,0220	10	0,022	0,1	0,0220	0,0220	30 000	660,00	3
MATE-R-A	TP MATEX AD BANJA LUKA	0,1800 A	0	0,18	0,2	0,1800	0,1800	2 246	404,28	1
MERK-R-A	MERKUR AD BANJA LUKA	1,2000	0	1,2	1,3	1,2000	1,2000	1 302	1 562,40	2
METL-R-A	METAL AD GRADISKA	0,2900	0		0,29	0,2900	0,2900	746	216,34	1
MLEK-R-A	MLJEKARSKA INDUSTRIJA AD BANJA LUKA	0,1000	0		0,16	0,1000	0,1000	50 000	5 000,00	5
MRMR-R-A	MERMER AD CELINAC	0,2400	0	0,24	0,25	0,2400	0,2400	3 008	721,92	5
MTLK-R-A	METALKA AD PRNJAVOR	0,0500	0	0,05	0,08	0,0500	0,0500	640	32,00	2
NSRV-R-A	NOVA SIROVINA AD BANJA LUKA	0,2500	0	0,25	0,28	0,2500	0,2500	5 636	1 409,00	2
PDPT-R-A	PRIJEDORPUTEVI AD PRIJEDOR	0,8500	0	0,85	1	0,8500	0,8500	1 864	1 584,40	5
PKRA-R-A	PEKARA AD BOSANSKI BROD	0,0330	0	0,033		0,0330	0,0330	83 102	2 742,36	3
POPO-R-A	POPOVO POLJE AD TREBINJE	0,3500	0	0,35		0,3500	0,3500	596	208,60	1
POST-R-A	SRPSKE POSTE AD BANJA LUKA	0,4000	0	0,4	0,48	0,4000	0,4000	4 253	1 701,20	3
RITE-R-A	R I TE GACKO AD GACKO	0,1900	-5	0,18	0,195	0,1900	0,1900	10 850	2 061,50	5
RLKS-R-A	RELAKS AD BANJA LUKA	1,7000	-0,58	1,7	2	1,7000	1,7000	279	474,30	2
RNAF-R-A	RAFINERIJA NAFTE AD BOSANSKI BROD	0,1100	8,91	0,11	0,13	0,1100	0,1100	2 672	293,92	3
RTEU-R-A	R I TE UGLJEVIK AD UGLJEVIK	0,1500	0	0,12	0,15	0,1500	0,1500	6 000	900,00	3
SGAS-R-A	SARAJEVO-GAS AD ISTOCNO SARAJEVO	0,1410	0	0,12	0,141	0,1410	0,1410	6 990	985,59	1
TGTN-R-A	TGT AD LAKTASI	2,2000	44,74	2,2	5	2,2000	2,2000	283	622,60	3
TRAV-R-A	TRAVUNIJA AD TREBINJE	0,0800	0	0,08		0,0800	0,0800	3 133	250,64	2
TRZN-R-A	TRZNICA AD BANJA LUKA	0,9000	2,27	0,89	0,955	0,9000	0,9000	24 550	22 095,00	13
VGPR-R-A	VISEGRAD PROMET AD VISEGRAD	0,0480 A	-20	0,048	0,06	0,0480	0,0480	44 919	2 156,11	4
VKBJ-R-A	VODOVOD I KANALIZACIJA AD BIJELJINA	0,3050	-12,86	0,305	0,35	0,3050	0,3050	750	228,75	2
VTRG-R-A	VITOROG AD SIPOVO	0,1200 A	0	0,12	0,15	0,1200	0,1200	1 865	223,80	1
ZORA-R-A	ZORA TURIST AD BANJA LUKA	1,0000 A	0	1		1,0000	1,0000	118	118,00	1
ZTPR-R-A	ZITOPROMET AD BIJELJINA	0,3300	0	0,33	0,36	0,3300	0,3300	2 654	875,82	6
Total:									618 361,69 BAM	

Membership in Partnership for Peace to Speed up EU Integration

Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Miroslav Labus met in Brussels with NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer who said that the Alliance wishes Serbia and Montenegro to quickly become a member of the Partnership for Peace program.

Labus said that Scheffer told him that the only obstacle on that road is the lack of full cooperation with the Hague tribunal, but Scheffer expressed hope that this obstacle will be removed shortly. The Deputy Prime Minister said that he informed the NATO Secretary General of Belgrade's moves to improve cooperation, especially pointing to opening archives and breaking with the past. According to Labus, Scheffer said that progress in cooperation with the Hague tribunal can be measured only by the level of satisfaction of the tribunal itself, and that the sooner Serbia and Montenegro establishes full cooperation with the Hague, the quicker all the doors will be opened to it. It was also pointed out that membership in the Partnership for Peace consider-

ably accelerates the process of the European integration. Labus said that if this is done quickly, Serbia and Montenegro will be able to enter the Partnership for Peace even before the conclusion of the Agreement on Stabilization and Association with the EU. The Deputy Prime Minister said that Scheffer voiced satisfaction with the progress of the contractual relationship between Serbia-Montenegro and NATO, since the Contract on land communications has already been ratified and additional arrangements are being negotiated. Labus said that they also discussed new programs of cooperation with NATO. Such programs are now underway, even though they normally come together in a "packet" with joining the Partnership for Peace. At the conclusion of his three-day visit to the headquarters of the European Union and NATO, Labus said that he is returning to Belgrade with a clear message that full cooperation with the Hague Tribunal must soon be realized. Labus said that he was received well

on a personal level, but that EU officials are asking for results and that the faster these results are achieved, the sooner the policy of fulfilling conditions will be over and the policy of cooperation will begin, and then the path towards Europe will be open. Speaking on the continuation of negotiations with the EU concerning the conclusion of the Stabilization and Association Agreement Labus said that efforts are being made to continue these negotiations on February 20. He said that if that goal is achieved it could be said that his visit to Brussels was successful. If not then communication with the EU but also with individual European capitals will have to be improved. He confirmed that European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and EU Enlargement Commissioner Olli Rehn will visit Belgrade in the second half of February, adding that the visit is very important for the further process of EU integration.

R. K.

Balkan Free Trade Zone Good News for Serbia

The Serbian Agriculture Ministry stated that Brussels' initiative for forming a free trade zone in the Balkans is very good news. Deputy Agriculture Minister, Goran Zivkov, said that he hopes this plan will come to fruition, and added that agriculturalists should not be afraid of Serbia joining the European Union, because they would see nothing but profits from such a move. He said that Serbia has free trade agreements signed with all of its surrounding nations and is profiting from such deals greatly. However, Zivkov said that a multilateral agreement would be a better solution, because bilateral agreements can easily

lead to customs wars. "For Serbia, which exports nearly 50 per cent of its products throughout the region, this is great news and I sincerely hope that this will become a reality," Zivkov said. Zivkov said that the European Commission strongly believes that there will be no technical problem regarding the EU's Stabilization and Association Agreement with Serbia and Montenegro. "We plan signing the Stabilization and Association Agreement by the end of this year, and on the technical side of things, I do not see anything that would make this a problem," Zivkov said.

M. S.

Greece: Merrill Lynch Maintains "Buy" for NBG, Eurobank

Merrill Lynch remains optimistic about Greek banks, despite their recent rally and says it expects a strong season of results from the major Greek banks. Merrill Lynch maintains its "buy" recommendation for National Bank of Greece and Eurobank, setting new Price Targets for the two banks. Based on its analysis, Merrill Lynch maintains its Buy ratings on Eurobank and NBG with respective Price targets of EUR 36.0 and EUR 43.2.

In the case of NBG, the Buy recommendation is based on the expectation that further value will be unlocked from the ongoing cost and capital restructuring.

The Banks fourth quarter showed continued strong growth in lending, driven partly by tax changes but also by favorable economic conditions. On the back of 23% average year-on-year loan growth and fairly stable margins and provision charges Merrill Lynch forecasts 40% year-on-year and 5% quarter-on-quarter average growth in p/t profit for the Greek banks in the coverage universe. Although ML sees loan growth slowing this year its forecast is for a still high 18% for the four banks in its coverage universe with only limited pressure on lending spreads. Ahead of 4 quarter, ML leaves its estimates for the three largest banks broadly unchanged but believe the risk in 2006/07 remains on the upside due to spread and volume beat.

A. G.

Croatia: A 'New Deal' for Transport Infrastructure

Croatia will begin an infrastructure-improvement project by the end of 2006 that is ambitious enough to be dubbed the "New Deal" by Transport Minister Bozidar Kalmeta. Consisting of an expansion of railways and waterways, the project will position Croatia as the fastest inland route from Asia to Central Europe. The economically favorable project will solve many transportation problems facing the entire region. And as Croatia begins its accession talks with the European Union, these projects will further solidify its bid.

Croatia is one of the few countries from the former Yugoslav bloc with a functioning econ-

omy and no outstanding political issues, making its bid to join the EU as early as 2008 a shoo-in. In addition to furthering Croatia's economic development, these projects will reduce government spending on road projects, increase gross domestic product (GDP) and create many new jobs throughout the nation -- especially in the high-unemployment region of Slavonia, where the channel is to be built. They will also fit in with a shift in EU transportation policies over the past few years from road transport to rail and river due to cost and ecological issues.

R. K.

Steel Magnate Mittal Earns Praise in Eastern Europe

Although steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal is often painted as a ruthless job destroyer in Western Europe, in the former communist East he is hailed as the savior of a crumbling, outdated industry. During the last decade, Mittal has injected new life into archaic steel plants scattered across the former Soviet Union and its satellite states that would otherwise have been incapable of surviving in a market economy. Over the years Mittal has developed an effective formula for reviving ailing or moribund steel works: a quick injection of capital, the deployment of a team of loyal managers, and above all the development of an effective sales force. Notions like marketing culture and customer satisfaction were alien to the Soviet bloc, deficiencies that are still causing problems for the region more than 15 years after the collapse of communism. Mittal began expanding his empire into the former Soviet bloc in 1995, when he resurrected a crumbling steelworks in Kazakhstan and turned it into one of the biggest and most modern plants in the world. From there, Mittal, ranked by Forbes magazine as the third richest man in the world, invested in the Czech Republic, Romania, and more recently in Poland, where he now controls 70 percent of the steel market. The entrepreneur has also ventured into countries largely ignored by other investors, such as Macedonia and

Bosnia and Hercegovina. Last autumn, he bought Krivorijstal, Ukraine's main steelworks, for 4.8 billion dollars. In Zenica, Mittal, the chief executive of his family firm Mittal Steel, brought back to life a giant plant that stopped functioning for 12 years between 1992 and 2004. During its heyday in communist Yugoslavia, 22,500 people worked at Zenica. Today it employs less than 3,000 workers, but hundreds of jobs are planned as production increases. Trade unions, particularly in western Europe, are less full of praise about Mittal. They blasted the firm's hostile takeover bid for Arcelor, the second-biggest steel producer in the world, which was created four years ago from the merger of steel interests in Luxembourg, France and Spain. The acquisition of Arcelor would make Mittal far and away the biggest steel producer worldwide. France and Luxembourg in particular are worried that many of the nearly 80,000 people Arcelor employs in the European Union will be laid off if Mittal's hostile bid is accepted. In Poland, Leszek Majchrzak, vice-president of the Solidarity trade union at Mittal Steel, has accused the firm of refusing to raise salaries sufficiently and of dragging its feet in announcing investment plans. "They are very distrustful, talks are very vague and not very fruitful," Majchrzak said.

A. Z.

Foreign Investors Interested in Bulgarian Railway Stations

Foreign investors have declared their interest in some of the biggest railway stations in Bulgaria, said Transport Minister Petar Mutafchiev, according to Sofia news agency reports.

He said that should the investors retain their interest, Bulgaria might offer for privatization the railway stations in capital Sofia and second city of Plovdiv. Minister

Mutafchiev also said that over 14,000 passengers are going through Sofia's Central Railway Station daily.

The station has attracted the attention of Austrian and Italian investors. Still, Mutafchiev underlined that it was not clear yet whether Bulgaria would open its railway station for privatization.

R. K.

Romania: Banca Transilvania Posts Net Profit 63.8% Up in '05

Banca Transilvania recorded an increase of 63.8% in net profit last year as compared to 2004 (in RON terms), reaching RON 99.6 Million (EUR 29.3 Million).

The increase in EUR terms was 95%. The Bank's investments, worth RON 64 Million, have mainly targeted the unit network expansion.

In 2005, 100 new units were opened, and existing ones were modernized. Also, funds

were used for financing operations of the Bank's subsidiaries. The total assets of Banca Transilvania amounted at the end of the year to RON 4.9 Billion, posting an increase of 189% in year-on-year terms. The Bank's shareholders' equity was RON 539.7 Million at the end of December 2005. The Bank currently has a market share of more than 3.5%, with 215 units.

M. S.

Romania: BCR Will Not Turn to an Erste Bank Branch

During a presentation of Erste group, president Andreas Treichl said that the Romanian Commercial Bank will further remain a Romanian bank. "BCR is a Romanian bank and will remain a Romanian bank. It will not become a branch of Erste Bank," said Treichl, stressing that the incumbent managing board of the Romanian Commercial Bank would be maintained, but he did not refer directly to the possibility of replacing the incumbent executive president of the bank Nicolae Danila, ACT Media news agency reports. Within the next year, Erste does not plan to interfere in the Bank's managing board. They do not plan to hamper the current BCR managing board to further take care of the Bank's customers nor will BCR break off the relations with customers in the ensuing months. The BCR's position on the market will not change, stressed the BCR president. Andreas Treichl also emphasized that the name of BCR will be maintained as brand because it is already known and successful. He said BCR is likely to account for 20 percent of Erste's portfolio within the next months and estimates the process of BCR's takeover will end at mid-May 2006, sooner than the previously announced term. The long-term strategy of Erste Bank will focus on consolidation and expansion, whereas the profit is estimated to grow by 20 percent each year in the next four years. The net profit of Erste group will be increased by at least 20 percent a year over 2005-2009, and in 2009 they expect the net profit to register a 20-percent-increase compared to the previous years. The Erste Bank president deems the chances Erste be bought by another important financial group at this moment are slim, after it purchased the Romanian Commercial Bank. The BCR's executive president Nicolae Danila confirmed the net revenues derived by BCR in 2005 draw near the figures estimated by experts, but he declined to say the exact figure. "We follow an upward trend as against 2004, and the figures on the consolidated balance on 2005 are very close to the one published," said Danila. Erste Bank bought in November a 61.88 percent stake in BCR in exchange of 3.75 billion Euro in a transaction considered the biggest of Central and Eastern Europe by an Austrian bank.

A. G.