

Ukraine does not plan to privatize nuclear power plants soon, deciding on strategy, minister says

Main article Ukraine will not offer nuclear power stations to private investors in near term, said Yuri Boyko, minister of fuel and energy of Ukraine. Talking on the sidelines of the Adam Smith Ukrainian Energy Summit, Boyko said they will consider privatization as soon as they decide on a strategy of development for nuclear power plants, a process which is ongoing.

An industry source said described nuclear power plants as an attractive asset for strategic investors.

DTEK, a Ukrainian power company could be interested in bidding for Ukrainian nuclear power plants, should they ever be slated for privatization, said Maxim Timchenko, chief executive officer. DTEK posted consolidated revenues of USD 1.31 bn in 2006.

Ukraine receives four proposals for asset swap between Russian oil and gas reserves and Ukrainian gas transportation interests, minister says

Main article The Ukraine government has received four proposals for Russian oil and gas reserves in exchange for a stake in Ukrainian gas transportation assets. Yuri Boyko, the country's minister for fuel and energy said on the sidelines of the Adam Smith Energy Summit in London that the Ukraine was interested in Russian oil assets which are close to the oil transportation network. Boyko also said that no decision had been made regarding which assets to acquire. He declined to disclose the names of the reserves being offered.

Ukrainian gas pipeline network is worth up to USD 25bn, according to previous press reports.

Donbass Fuel-Energy Company [DTEK] has held talks regarding the sale of a minority stake sale, said its chief executive officer Maxim Timchenko. Speaking on the sidelines of the Adam Smith Ukrainian Investment Summit, he added that the company was open to talks with other interest parties regarding a minority stake sale.

Separately, Timchenko said that DTEK had no plans regarding an initial public offer within the next three years. It has been reported earlier that DTEK was planning an IPO.

Timchenko also said that DTEK would be interested in bidding for Ukrainian state-owned power assets once they are offered for privatization. He added that if they lived

long enough to see Ukrainian nuclear power generation assets privatized, the company could also be interested in them.

DTEK is the holding company for the energy assets of the System Capital Management Group. The company's main assets are stakes in power utility Vostokenergo and coal mining firm Pavlogradugol. DTEK posted consolidated sales revenue of UAH 6.3bn (USD 1.3bn) and an EBITDA of UAH 1.56bn (USD 333m) in 2006.

OMV eyes Ukrainian downstream assets, general manager says

Main article OMV, the listed, partially state-owned Austrian oil and chemicals company, is interested in acquiring downstream assets in Ukraine, according to Peter Seifert, general manager for Central/Eastern Europe and Russia. Talking on the sidelines of the Adam Smith Energy Summit, he said that the company may also consider downstream joint ventures in Ukraine.

The company is specifically interested in fuel stations, Seifert said. OMV generated revenues of EUR 18.97bn in 2006, according to press reports.

Seifert did not disclose a specific budget for Ukraine. OMV operates in Central and Eastern Europe, North Africa, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, Australia and New Zealand.

Cadogan Petroleum mulling IPO in 2007 or 2008; interested in oil and gas E&P buys in Ukraine, CEO says

Main article Cadogan Petroleum, a privately-held UK oil and gas exploration and development company, is mulling an initial public offer in 2007 or 2008. The announcement was made by its chief executive officer Mark Tolley, who was addressing the audience at the Adam Smith Ukrainian Investment Summit in London.

Tolley did not specify where the company would be listed. The executive noted that Cadogan Petroleum wanted to acquire oil and gas exploration and production assets in the Ukraine to develop value for investors.

He did not specify the potential targets.

Tolley also noted that as an alternative to an IPO, Cadogan could be sold to a mid-cap or a major investor.

Cadogan employs 700 people. Its assets are currently exclusively located in the Ukraine.

City of Kharkov may consider Eurobond; mulls USD 20m five-year bond in 2007, mayor says

Main article The City of Kharkov has not ruled out the possibility of issuing Eurobonds in the future, said the city's mayor Mykhailo Dobkin. Speaking on the sidelines of the Adam Smith Ukrainian Investment Summit in London, Dobkin said that the city was planning its second UAH 100m (USD 20m) domestic bond issue in 2007. Dobkin said that the hryvnia-denominated bond would most likely have a five-year maturity.

The proceeds from the issue would be used to build the first five-star hotel in the city, as well as to continue the reconstruction of old districts, according to the mayor. He noted that the tender to organise the local currency bond issue would be announced soon.

The City of Kharkov is rated 'B1' by Moody's and 'B+' by Fitch. Kharkov placed its first domestic UAH 100m, three-year bond issue in 2005 via UkrSibbank and ARTA, Dobkin said. Kharkov is the second biggest city in Ukraine, with a population of about 1.5 million people.

Ukreximbank interested in acquiring Ukrainian banks, board member says

Main article Ukreximbank, a state-owned export-import Ukrainian bank, is planning acquisitions of banks in Ukraine, board member Vitaliy Lisovenko said on the sidelines of the Adam Smith Ukrainian Investment Summit in London. However, Lisovenko declined to reveal the potential targets.

He also would not disclose the size of potential targets.

The assets of the bank stood at USD 1.1bn in 2005.

A 100% stake in the bank belongs to the cabinet of ministers of Ukraine. Ukreximbank specialises in trade financing of exports and imports. The bank consists of 29 branches and 64 operating outlets in all regions of Ukraine.