

Six Months Investment Flows and Performances

Even if our investment development and experiences are at baby stage with comparing to other developed and developing countries', we have done great and have had great achievement since 1993. For the period of the last 17 years, 5,689 total projects with 63,501,236,826 ETB proposed total capitals acquired investment license. And they also proposed 1,134,909 jobs to be created when they operate on their full capacity of the projects. As indicated by the Agency's data, there are 1429 projects by agriculture, 387 by agro-industry, 101 by construction, 11 by energy, 980 by hotel and tourism, 996 by industry, 339 by real estate, 886 by service offerings, 539 by social service, and 21 projects by trade investment sectors of obtaining investment licenses. If we observe the projects ownership types, there are 313 FDI, 185 JV and 5180 domestic investment projects.

During the last 17 years, the Agency has also prepared about 42670ha urban and 1031325ha rural investment land. Besides it has also delivered about 41700ha urban and 895161ha rural investment land and about 55329ha for FDI, 612779ha for JV and 268752ha for domestic projects.

Further more, the Agency didn't delimit on delivering investment licenses but it has also provided the necessary services and has given a number of special supports. Based on the projects better performances, it gave investment motivational rewards for 594 projects and 418 investors got doing-investment capacity building trainings. It has also written 531 support letters for import duty free goods which are incentives beneficiaries during the last 17 years. . It also wrote 16 support letters for import duty free goods in six months. In parallel, the Agency has been followed up at least once time per annum the urban and rural projects.

During the 2003 six months of the fiscal year, the investment flows increased by 34% compare to the same period of last year. 100 projects with total proposed capitals of 582,265,701 ETB got investment licenses in this year of six months where as 92 projects last year of six months. When these projects operate on their full capacity, they will create 10,181

permanent and temporary jobs. Among them 58 are urban and 42 are rural investment projects with total proposed capitals of 368004356 and 214261345 ETB, respectively. And they will also create 7842 urban and 2339 rural jobs. Comparing to the last year of six months number of projects, there are 111 urban investment projects and 40 rural investment projects which are the urban projects decreased by 48% and the rural projects increase by 5%.

Year after year FDI and JV projects noticeably increased. For the period of the six months, 9 FDI, 3 JV and 88 domestic projects with total proposed capitals of 92812640, 155520000 and 333933061 ETB acquired investment licenses, respectively and with total proposed capitals of 582265701 ETB. The numbers of projects are 32 FDI, 10 JV and 109 domestic of last year with same period; 72% FDI, 70% JV, and 20% domestic investment projects decreased compare to last year.

The Agency identified its key weaknesses and challenges and provided solutions for them, especially on information management, database, data analysis, and data encoding and collections. So as to scale up its capacity in all sides, it gave employees' capacity building trainings on those topics for 50 employees from Region, Zones, S/Woredas for 8 days at the regional head quarter. We believe that the training will integrate the system, fill up the information gaps and scale up the Agency's capacity.

Finally, we have prepared 136,164ha rural investment land in different zones and special woredas for different agribusinesses development, and 798ha urban investment land in 20 Reform Towns for different urban businesses development. So we are too delighted and warm welcoming of the potential investors who want to invest in our gifted and fertile land of the region.