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This and the last issue of our Business and Law are presenting basic information about Pomerania.

Part II: Pomerania - Polish window on the World

III. Major industries

The economic potential of the region is founded on traditional industries on the one hand (shipbuilding, oil refining, food products, machines, furniture, and tourism), and the developing trades on the other hand (information technology, electronics, and biotechnology). Particularly the latter.

- a) *Shipbuilding* continues to be the leading industry of Pomerania and is represented by building yards, repair yards, and its suppliers whose products go beyond the industry to include services available to other trades. The Pomorskie Voivodeship accounts for the major part of Polish shipbuilding. In the year 2008 the yards of the Pomorskie Voivodeship built 16 vessels (mainly car and container carriers), which represented 80% of the entire Polish ship production.
- b) *Oil refinery* - the industry is represented by the largest enterprise in the region and one of the largest companies in Poland – the *LOTOS SA Capital Group*. LOTOS deals with oil extraction and processing, and trading in oil products. Its strategy up to the year 2012 envisages increasing the processed oil volumes to 10.5 million tonnes per year.
- c) *Building industry* - Construction projects completed in the Pomorskie Voivodeship in 2007 amounted to PLN 3.9 billion, which was more than 30% higher than the result achieved the year before. Works related to the construction of motorways, double carriageways and other roads had the largest share in the output (PLN 710.4 million). Semi-detached houses and multi-family blocks come second (PLN 688.3 million), and industrial and warehousing schemes third (PLN 537.2 million).
- d) *Food industry* - The industry generates about 11% of Pomerania's industrial production and employs 20 thousand people. The largest share in the regional sales achieved in food processing has for several years remained with fish processing. The income of this sub-sector accounts for over 28% of the local sector's entire sale of food industry. Meat processing comes second with a 24% share in the sector's sales and is followed by oil and fat production, which generates 11% of the sector's turnover.

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IV. Other big companies on Pomerania:

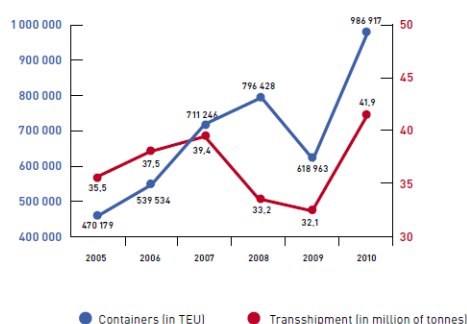
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V. Enterprise zones

Special Economic Zones (SEZ) are administratively separate areas in Poland where the investors can launch and conduct business operations on preferential terms. The SEZ is offer plots of land available for investments with complete technical infrastructure, plus income tax exemption (PIT or CIT). In addition, investors in SEZs receive aid free-of-charge in going through all formalities related to the investment process.

- *Pomorskie Special Economic Zone (PSEZ)* comprises 17 investment locations totalling 1220.11 ha in area. All locations are spread over northern Poland: 447.03 ha in the Pomorskie Voivodeship, 603.08 ha in the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodeship and 170 ha in the Zachodniopomorskie Voivodeship. By mid-2008 the investments in PSEZ had added up to PLN 3 307.6 million and created 17 326 jobs. The prevailing industries are: electrical and optical equipment manufacturing, and paper production. The prime investors include: Sharp Manufacturing Poland, Orion Electric Poland, Bridgestone Stargard, Flextronics International Poland, International Paper Kwidzyn, Jabil Circuit Poland, Gemalto, Zakłady Farmaceutyczne "POLPHARMA", Mondi Świecie, Tensho Poland Corporation, and Polpak Papier.
- *Ślupska Special Economic Zone (SSEZ)*, managed by the Pomorskie Agency for Regional Development SA, occupies a total area of 401 ha and is made up of 8 investment locations in the Pomorskie, Zachodniopomorskie and Wielkopolskie voivodeships. By mid-2009 the investments in the zone had amounted to PLN 718,4 million and created 2 528 new jobs. The prevailing trades are: timber, plastics production, metal goods manufacturing, automotive industry, and transport. The main investors include: "BAJCAR" Bronisław Bajcar, M&S Okna i Drzwi, Przetwórstwo rybne "Łosoś", KAPENA, Kronospan Polska, and NordGlass II.

Containers and cargo handling in ports of Pomerania in 2005-2010



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