

- Law of Saint Petersburg dated 03.12.2008 No. 742-136 "On strategic investment projects, strategic investors and strategic partners of Saint Petersburg"
- Order of the Committee for Investments and Strategic Projects dated 15.06.2009 No. 79

PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING THE STATUS OF STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROJECT OF SAINT PETERSBURG

The status of strategic investment project of Saint Petersburg provides for the following benefits:

- Providing rental state-owned land plots located in Saint Petersburg without tenders;
- Possibility of reducing rental payment for provision of land plot for construction purpose up to 1.5% of its cadastral value;
- Providing the possibility of repurchase of land plots received without tenders, at a reduced price.

The necessary requirement for recognition of the investment project as the strategic investment project shall be its compliance with the following criteria:

- 1) improvement as a result of implementing the investment project of social and economic, and cultural life environment of the citizens of Saint Petersburg;
- 2) increasing of investment attractiveness of Saint Petersburg;
- 3) development in Saint Petersburg of important sector of national economy: investment market, industry, tourism, including through hotel construction, science, health service, culture and education, physical culture and sport, informative technologies and innovations, financial sector, transport and logistics hub, as well as other sectors;
- 4) support as a result of implementing the investment project of separate territories of Saint Petersburg, Saint Petersburg, in general, and (or) certain sectors of municipal services.

Strategic investment project also shall follow a range of the following requirements:

- 1) availability of economic efficiency of the strategic investment project with the term of cost recovery and profitability;
- 2) provision of total investment volume:
 - 1.5 RUB bn. – into development of health service, culture, physical culture and sport, science and innovation activities, hotel construction;
 - 3.0 RUB bn. – into development of industry, transport and logistics hub;
 - 15 RUB bn. – into other investment projects.

The total investment volume shall mean investment both into single facility, including commissioning in several steps, and into two and more facilities of one sector of national economy, including, but not limited to, the capital expenses connected with preparation, development, construction and commissioning of facilities into operation, the costs for modernization of such facilities, as well as the expenses on project financing;

3) use of science-intensive, energy-efficient, resource-conserving, as well as other highly economical technologies in case the strategic project is connected with industrial production.

List of documents to be provided for the status provision:

- × Notarized copies of the constituent documents;
- × Copy of documents confirming authorities of the initiator's manager;
- × Description of the investment project to be implemented, with justification of its compliance with the criteria and requirements to recognition of the investment project as the strategic investment project;
- × Previous justification of investments in accordance with the requirements of the Decree of the Committee for Investments and Strategic Projects dated 15.06.2009 No. 79;
- × Audit report on the initiator's financial statements for the last three years;
- × Guarantee letters on granting borrowed assets to the investors for implementation of the proposed investment project;
- × Written confirmation by the initiator of availability or absence of:
 - the initiator's debt owed by different level budgets;
 - lawsuits concerning the initiator's property for the last five years;
 - bankruptcy proceeding concerning the initiator for the last five years;
 - capital investment projects to the value of at least three billions of rubles and more implemented for the last five years or being implemented by the initiator.

Procedure for providing the status of strategic investment project of Saint Petersburg:

1. Potential investor shall apply to the Investments Committee of Saint Petersburg (hereinafter referred to as the IC);
2. The Investments Committee shall consider application and then notify on sufficiency or insufficiency of the documents provided;
3. In case of document sufficiency - the Investments Committee shall examine the investor's application;
4. After examination, the Investments Committee shall serve the investor with the conclusion;
5. The Investments Committee shall develop the draft legal act of the Government of Saint Petersburg on the strategic investment project or the Strategic investor.