

ENEX DG visits with President in Ashgabat: *Energy efficiency is emphasised*



The President of Turkmenistan, **Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov**, held a meeting with the Director General of the well-known Belgian company **ENEX Process Engineering SA, Koen Minne** on July 1 on the occasion of Minne's week-long visit to Ashgabat following a trip to Milan and Dubai.

The emphasis of the meeting was placed on the interest shown by the business circles of Europe, in particular Belgium in developing long-term contacts with Turkmenistan, Minne reaffirmed, as well as underlining the ENEX Company's intention to expand within the Turkmen market, following the country's appraisal of the economy as "expanding."

Welcoming the Belgian partners' intent, the Turkmen leader said he appreciated the company's operation in Turkmenistan for many years. Berdimuhamedov invited the Belgian company to actively collaborate in the large-scale programmes aimed at developing various sectors of national economy, in particular the projects on further technology modernization of the industrial infrastructure.

In this context, the sides discussed the progress of the projects implemented by ENEX in Turkmenistan and the opportunities for intensifying mutually-advantageous co-operation. The fuel and energy sector, processing and petrochemical industries, production of mineral fertilizers and the textile industry were specified as the promising fields of effective collaboration. Emphasis was put on the introduction of energy saving technologies, in particular the use of solar and wind energy seeing as Turkmenistan's climate is favorable to both sources of alternative energy.

Minne said that ENEX intends to present the Turkmen partners with concrete proposals on further co-operation highlighting the progress of the ENEX office building in Ashgabat. Noting that the Belgian company's proposals would be thoroughly considered, Berdimuhamedov focused on Turkmenistan's interest in applying know-how and advanced nanotechnologies as well.

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