

Introduction to RAKIA Georgia Free Industrial Zone LLC

RAKIA GEORGIA FIZ LLC is establishing the first free industrial zone in the Caucasus region at Poti in Georgia. Our company was created in June 2008 by RAK Investment Authority (RAKIA), a government of Ras Al Khaimah, U.A.E. nodal agency. RAKIA has wide experience in developing & managing free industrial zones in various parts of the world.

Our project - Poti FIZ, covering the territory of 300 hectares, is situated on historic Silk Road between East & West. With the investment of more than 200 million USD including the investment in the Poti Sea Port, we will have world class state of art infrastructure, modern warehousing complex, container storage areas, Business Centers, etc.

We are inviting investments in following sectors:

- Manufacturing
- High Tech industry including Bio-Tech & Information Technology
- Small /Medium Enterprises
- Raw materials industry
- Assembly/Disassembly for export
- Import, Storage & Trade
- Warehousing & Container storage
- Maintenance & Reconditioning of equipments for export
- Transport & Logistics
- Financial Services, Insurance & Professional Services

RAKIA GEORGIA FIZ LLC also expects enterprises from the FMCG & FMCD industries, Media, IT, BPO Services to be represented at the Free Zone. Due to low cost of energy power intensive industries like steel manufacturers have also shown keen interest to be in this Free-zone.

We offer a cost effective solution to all manufacturing industries. RAKIA GEORGIA FIZ LLC is the agency to jump-start projects from one platform in the Poti Free Industrial Zone. RAKIA GEORGIA FIZ LLC looks for reputed companies, all over the world, for investments mainly in the manufacturing sector.

We offer all the benefits available in other free zones of the region and some of the additional benefits specific to Poti Free Zone:

1. Low Cost of leased land
2. 100% foreign ownership in free zone
3. 100% capital and profit repatriation
4. Zero tax on profits in the Free-zone
5. 100% duty free Import and export of raw materials and finished goods
6. Right to source raw material from anywhere in the world

7. Right to bring labor/ staff from anywhere in the world
8. Ease of visa issuance
9. Availability of power and water with one stop window for all your requirements
10. Power supply at competitive rates
11. European quality lifestyle with beaches, mountains, resorts, shopping malls, multiplexes, golf courses, shooting range, international schools, colleges (incl. medical and engineering) and hospitals
12. Strategic location right on the middle of ancient Silk Road
13. Being adjacent to the largest port of the Black Sea – Poti Port

On March 13, 2009 the FIZ project presentation was held in Sheraton Metekhi Palace Hotel in Tbilisi, Georgia and the licenses have been granted to the first two investors, namely:

- “Prime Concrete LTD”- will conduct concrete production, transportation and pumping Services, through the establishment of ready mixed concrete plant in Poti with 100 cbm/h capacity, organization of concrete delivery and distribution by own fleet of 9 – 10 cbm truck mixers, mobile and stationary pumps, creation of modern laboratory for concrete in order to ensure high quality, effective production and constant control, production of gravels and sand. Their business portfolio also includes equipment trading.
- “Ice-Cube” – will possess the warehouse (refrigerators) in FIZ and conduct processing and supply of all types of frozen food products mainly in the South Caucasus and Central Asia vicinity.

The services to be provided within the Free-zone include the primary and secondary roads giving complete access to all industrial plots with-in the project area, street lightening ,water supply, fire fighting system, sewerage network, storm-water drainage system, electric supply and telecommunication system and irrigation network for green-zone areas. The design criteria for each segment of development of infrastructure will be as per the international specifications to ensure that the FIZ facilities are comparable to the best in the world.

The initial steps of development, such as soil-testing, topology, site cleaning and fencing, etc. are currently underway.

The first phase of the Free Zone is expected to be completed by the end of 2009, though the marketing of the facilities has already started.

The second phase of the project will include development of warehousing complex, container storage areas, Distri - Park, offshore financial facilities, business centre, etc.

The legal frameworks to facilitate foreign direct investments are in advanced stage of finalization. The project has full and complete support of the Government of Georgia and therefore a very investor friendly Free-zone regulation will be in place very soon.

For the initial stage leasing rates in the Poti F.I.Z are very competitive and attractive being one of the lowest in the Black Sea region. Lease cost for 1sq.m starts from USD 5 per year for manufacturing companies. Hence the early investors stand to gain a lot on long term basis. The rental is fixed for ten years. The price for different profile licenses (manufacturing, trade, commercial, logistics, service/consulting) starts from only USD 2000 per year – the lowest in the EU.

We are happy to welcome the companies to Poti, Georgia to experience the excellent conditions for manufacturing & commerce.

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