

Who is the top twenty companies?

Curious 'unofficial' reshuffle among top 20 profitable joint stock companies

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As in 2010, Belaruskali takes the lead, having quintupled its profits, leaving its rivals far behind. Meanwhile, BelAZ has shifted from third to second po-

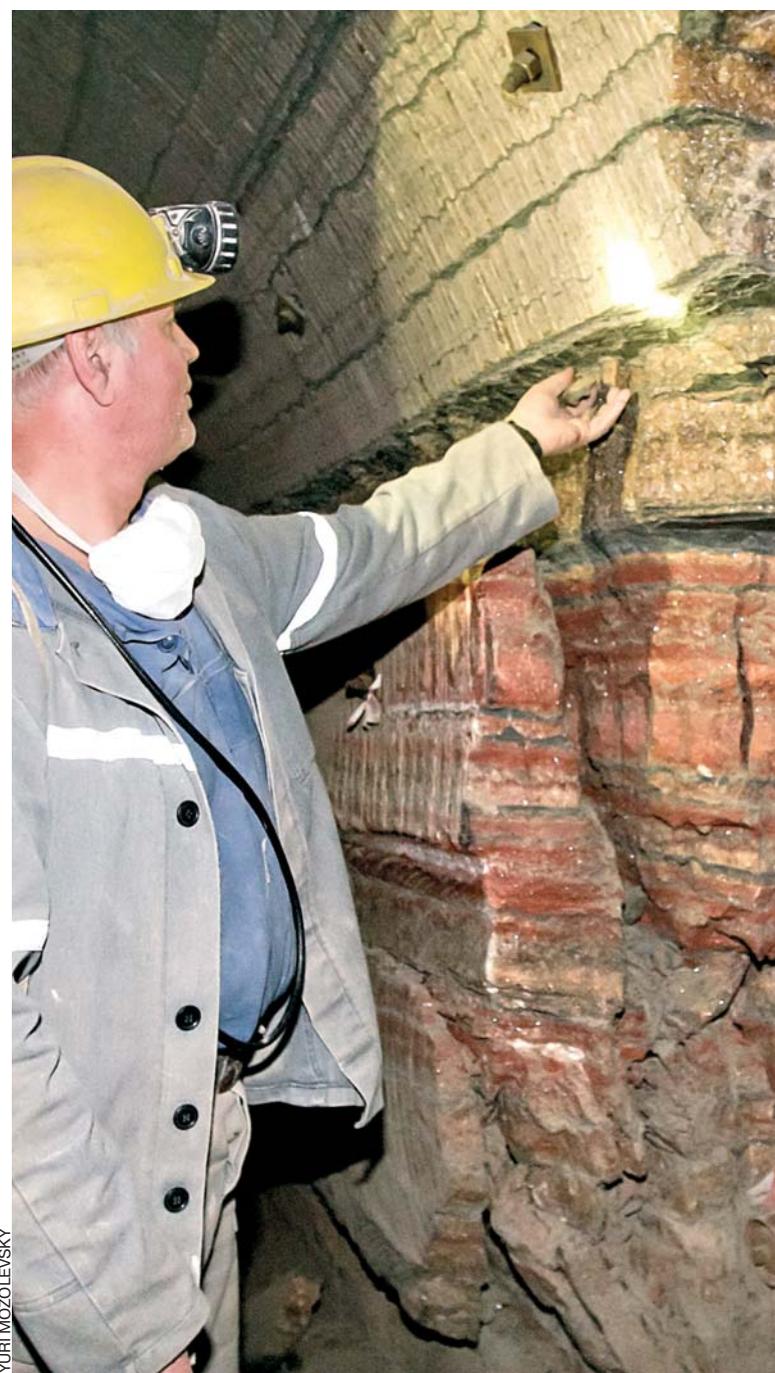
sition, pushing Belarusbank to sixth place. Does this indicate a new trend?

BelAZ and MAZ (ranked third) are flagships of domestic machine building, unrivalled in terms of profit growth; their net

income has increased 8.7-fold and 8.2-fold respectively — a rare achievement worldwide. Of course, analysis of these figures should take into account last year's almost triple devaluation of the Belarusian Rouble, alongside various forms of state support. Two newcomers among the top twenty are also representatives of the Industry Ministry: Amkodor JSC and Minsk Motor Works.

Banks and financial institutions account for almost half of the rankings, although their 2011 results are generally more modest than in 2010. Nevertheless, the Moscow-Minsk Bank almost tripled its profit in 2011 while Belarusbank's profit increased 1.2 fold and Priorbank achieved a 2.3 fold rise in profits.

Several food enterprises have left the top twenty: Gorodeya and Slutsk Sugar Refineries, Dzerzhinsk Agro-Combine and Grodno's Neman Tobacco Factory. Mikhail Kovalev, the Dean of the Belarusian State University's Economic Department, tells us, "Banking profits fell as a result of the high refinancing rate. In my opinion, this isn't a bad thing, since banks' profits are unrelated to those of industry. It seems that, last year, the trend reversed. The growth of machine building enterprises testifies to the competitiveness of their goods on major markets, which can only be a good sign. The fact that their exports



Belaruskali JSC takes the lead in the TOP-20

Top 20 most profitable Belarusian open joint stock companies			
Ranking (position in 2010)	Company	2011 profit (m BR)	2010 profit (m BR)
1 (1)	Belaruskali	9,080,640	1,841,591
2 (3)	BelAZ	2,766,251	315,117
3 (5)	MAZ	2,068,194	250,592
4 (12)	Grodno Azot	1,079,718	112,032
5 (-)	Gomeltransneft Druzhba	914,183	—
6 (2)	Belarusbank	607,100	510,532
7(6)	Priorbank	532,668	230,229
8 (4)	Belagroprombank	302,847	253,382
9 (16)	Brestgazoapparat	285,402	85,359
10 (20)	BelVEB	283,210	61,732
11(-)	Belarusian Stock and Currency Exchange	271,296	3,791
12 (11)	BPS-Sberbank	270,186	136,716
13 (-)	Keramin	225,714	51,018
14 (8)	Naftan	221,916	164,490
15 (-)	MMZ	193,305	41,539
16 (14)	Belinvestbank	168,308	101,964
17 (15)	Belgazprombank	166,874	90, 978
18 (-)	Promagroleasing	142,012	—
19 (-)	Moscow-Minsk Bank	122,399	61,138
20 (-)	Amkodor	120,999	33,411

have suffered slightly is due to the external market situation, as is natural. Prices for raw materials and ready-made products are ever shifting — either upwards or downwards."

Of course, profit statistics have no practical application. Lacking a market for shares, we have

no important stimuli with which to attract potential investors. Therefore, the list of most profitable companies is more a reflection of the market situation, with its privileges and preferences. To gauge skilful, competent or confident asset management, we must study the issue more broadly.

Several electric locomotives to accelerate country transit

By Valentin Vasilevsky

Two electric cargo locomotives arrive at Baranovichi depot from Chinese Datong

The new locomotives will soon be serving Belarusian railways and, by the end of the year, the depot will have another ten such electric engines. Their purchase was a necessity, as demand has been steadily growing for transit across Belarus.

Freight trains travelling from Russia have to be made shorter and lighter in Orsha, to allow existing locomotives to pull them, which brings additional work and lowers capacity. The new electric locomotive can pull heavy and large freight carriages up to 9,000 tonnes (and more, depending on the route) to a speed of 120kmh. The other advantages for the driver are



air conditioning, a microwave oven, a refrigerator and a bio-closet.

The new engines are developed jointly by CNR Datong Electric Locomotive Co. and a leading French transport machine building enterprise. Presenting

the electric locomotives in Baranovichi, the Director of Import of Electrical Equipment Company noted some differences between those especially made for Belarus and those used in China. "At the request of Belarusian Rail-

ways, we've fulfilled special conditions regarding brakes and have designed locomotives for two engine drivers."

Belarus has purchased the electric locomotives with a loan from Eximbank of China, as each train costs \$8.3m.

Designers suggest new alternatives

Minsk Motor Works JSC creates first Belarusian tractor engine with low horsepower

It has taken about a year of hard work by engineers to create a modern low-horsepower engine to rival western counterparts, that is record time. The MMZ-3LD is aimed at buyers in Belarus and the CIS specialising in small-sized agricultural, road construction and municipal vehicles, mini-power units and diesel generator plants.

The Minsk three-cylinder engine was first presented at the *Belagro-2012* international exhibition, built by Minsk Motor Works JSC. Meanwhile, the event also saw the *Development of Domestic Diesel Engine Building* conference.

The plant aims to present other new developments meeting the latest environmental standards, including a series of engines complying with EURO-4 standards. In



Motors for MAZ

fact, a EURO-5 standards engine is almost ready. In addition, MMZ heavy motors are being tested by MAZ, BelAZ and Gomselmash, while a number of new engines has been produced for the Minsk Tractor Works. These use an impressive 300 horsepower and have been certified to meet Stage 3B international standards in Prague. Now, these engines are undergoing trials.