

Leningrad Oblast: Vyborg Reconstruction Project in Difficulty

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The Vyborg Pulp and Paper Mill is not far away from the town of the same name and up until quite recently its existence was a well-kept secret. Today the entire country knows about our mill and about our neighbour, the Svetogorsk Pulp and Paper Combine, which was built by Soviet and Finnish experts. On June 15, 1983, the USSR Council of Ministers instructed the Ministry of the Timber, Pulp and Paper and Woodworking Industry of the USSR to expand and reconstruct the mill over the period of 1984-88, working in conjunction with Finnish companies. Technical and commercial negotiations were held in conjunction with this. One year later a contract for carrying out the construction work of the main plant and settlement was signed with the "Finn-Stroy" joint-stock company. The responsibilities of the various agencies involved, including the Ministry of the Timber Industry, the Ministry of Installation and Special Construction work, the Ministry of Construction in the Northern and Western Regions of the USSR, and other ministries and departments, were outlined in the most detailed fashion. The State Institute for the Planning of Pulp and Paper Enterprises (Giprobum) developed the design for the expansion and reconstruction of the Vyborg Pulp and Paper Mill. The main aim was to turn the mill into a modern specialized enterprise for manufacturing paper used in packaging food products and medications.

The construction and reconstruction work began at the end of 1984. How is the project getting on today? The actual dates of completion of the three complexes which are slated to begin operations