

PULP AND PAPER

Network of Small Pulp and Paper Mills  
Proposed as Solution to Industrial Ills

The country's pulp and paper industry has long been chronically ill, primarily on account of the low levels of capital investment in development of the sector, the lack of spare parts and up-to-date industrial plant, and a severe shortage of raw materials, chemicals and other products.

To correct the situation, money is needed for the reconstruction of mills and also for building new ones, and we must earn these funds ourselves.

Let us say that the funds have been found, but that the immediate question which arises is where and on what to spend them and how to invest them advantageously?

In our view, the authors of the following article, senior scientific co-workers E. Khoietsyan and A. Katsenelenbaum of the All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Economy, Management, Production and Information in the Timber, Pulp and Paper and Woodworking Industry (VNIPIElesprom), by promoting the idea of establishing small pulp and paper mills, are providing the answer to these questions.

During the last decade the economy of the western world has to a considerable degree been oriented towards creating small and medium-sized enterprises. In a number of capitalist countries the share of these enterprises is as high as 70 to 80 percent. Why is this? In the first place, small enterprises are characterised by greater