

B. Several dozen projects for the establishment of joint ventures with firms in various capitalist countries are currently under consideration. They include sawmilling, woodworking and furniture manufacturing enterprises, and also joint ventures in the pulp and paper industry pertaining to the production of commercial bleached pulp, newsprint, paperboard, white paper goods, paper bags, etc. Interest in the founding of joint ventures is being manifested by some very large companies in Finland, Sweden, Canada, the USA, Austria, Italy, West Germany and Australia.

Some of the ventures have already commenced operations. Examples are the Soviet-Japanese "Igirma-Tairiku" enterprise in the Irkutsk Oblast for the production of high-grade lumber for use in house building; the "Consofin" consulting engineering enterprise, founded by the Soviet State Institute for Planning and Projection in the Paper Industry (Giprobum) and the "Jaakko Poyry" Company (Finland); and a Soviet-Swiss venture "SB Engineering" for the development and production, with the well known "Bison" Company (FRG), of integrated equipment for manufacture of wood-based boards by the continuous press method.

In 1988 the founding documents were signed for the "Chudovo-RWS" joint venture (the "Novgorodlesprom" Association and the Finnish "Raute" and "V. Shoman" companies) for the production of large-frame plywood, including the laminated variety. It is expecting to begin operations in 1991.

Two joint ventures were established in 1988 by the "Sevzapmebel" (Northwestern Furniture) Association: the "Lentek" and the "Finn-Stroi"