

## «PATON» INDUSTRIAL PARK

At the current stage of development of Ukrainian economy there are urgent tasks to improve the efficiency of Ukrainian manufacturing plants, as well as attracting investments to provide the conditions for sustainable growth. One of the tools for solving these problems is establishing and developing industry parks — special territories with the required transport-engineering infrastructure, as well as buildings (production, storage, administrative and other premises), which are designed for accommodating and servicing various manufacturing and other plants. Use of a common infrastructure, services of managing company and possibilities for cooperation with other park participants allow reducing the administrative and infrastructure costs, thus increasing the effectiveness of their operation and competitiveness of the manufactured products.

Creation of industry parks in Ukraine opens up new prospects for regional development, has a positive impact of financial activity of local manufacturing plants, that allows establishing business contacts in the «investor – local government organs – business» chain.

This is exactly why both in the developed countries of the world, and in the post-Soviet space one can see increase in the number of industry parks that is attributable both to the growing demand for high-technology products, and activation of investment processes in the market.

In Ukraine the process of creation of industry parks is regulated by the Law of Ukraine «On Indus-



Central building of PWI PPWE

trial Parks» of June 21, 2012, No.5018-VI. This Law specifies the legal and organizational fundamentals of creation and functioning of industry parks in the territory of Ukraine, with the purpose of ensuring the economic development and improving the competitiveness of the territories, activation of investment activity, creating new jobs, development of modern manufacturing and market infrastructure.

Guided by the abovementioned advantages, at the end of 2020 the PWI Pilot Plant of Welding Equipment initiated creation of «PATON» Industrial Park, which was included into the Register of Industrial Parks. The new Industrial Park will be located in the



Kyiv District, Fastiv region, near urban-type settlement Glevakha.

*«The main purpose of creation of the industry park is development of manufacturing of welding equipment and consumables, attracting investments, required for development of the region, creating new jobs, introduction of advanced technologies into industrial production and enhancing economic development of the territory»* — noted Anatolii Stepakhno, Head of PWI PPWE Management.

The objectives set by the initiators of establishing the «PATON» Industrial Park are quite ambitious, in particular, creating favourable conditions for initiating and further development of industrial production; new approaches to manufacturing, and production process control, introduction of advanced technologies; development of communal infrastructure; increasing the power capacity of the region; attracting foreign and local investments into the regional economy; filling the state and local budgets; creating new jobs, including highly-qualified ones; promoting medium-business development; international activity; filling the market with national high-quality products and increasing export outside the country.

The functional purpose of «PATON» Industrial Park is establishing industrial production of modern high-quality welding equipment for various purposes and welding consumables; manufacturing various-purpose packing for leading Ukrainian and foreign plants; complex services on warehouse storage of goods, logistics, etc.

The Park will take up an area of more than 17 ha, 43 km from the capital, near international highway E95 in the direction of Odessa. The convenient location of «PATON» Industry Park is due to its closeness to the capital of Ukraine (20 min by car) and to the main transport arteries (international highway and railway), customs terminal (2.5 km) and international airports (Kyiv — 27 km, Boryspil — 59 km).

The project of «PATON» Industrial Park envisages creating up to 2000 new jobs, building its own sys-

tems of power and water supply, and heating systems, construction of modern production, office and warehouse premises and other facilities.

Successful realization of the project will have a positive impact on the economic and social development of the adjacent towns and Fastiv region of the Kyiv district as a whole: it will promote investment activity of both the local and foreign plants, that will allow faster realization of the strategy of import substitution, will have a positive impact on development of infrastructural objects of the region, will improve the effectiveness and coordination of contacts with local authorities, will promote strengthening of economic potential of territorial communities, will ensure development of small and medium business that, in its turn, will increase the number of newly created jobs with competitive salary and high standards of social guarantees.

*«An indubitable advantage of the local legislation is the fact that the State, while funding the development of infrastructure of such industry parks, can be an additional source of investments for them, lowering the actual business expenses, and can favour creation of attractive investment climate both for local and foreign investors. Owing industry parks to functioning in Ukraine, the State can influence not only restoration of the competitiveness of local manufacturing plants, but also introduction of national high-technology products into the global investment market»* — Anatolii Stepakhno comments on the project capabilities.

In keeping with the data of the Ministry of Economy, as of 28.12.2020, 45 industry parks were included into the Register of Industrial Parks, 23 of which already have managing companies, and 10 parks have already involved their first participants. Such data are indicative of the still early phase of development of such a tool of economic advancement as industry parks as a whole, and of great prospects for new projects in this field.

Pilot Plant of Welding Equipment of the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute is a leading manufacturer of welding equipment in Ukraine, and also one of the leaders in the market of welding equipment and consumables in the territory of CIS countries. The plant was established in 1959 as a unit of the E.O. Paton Electric Welding Institute. As of 2021, the Plant serially produces a wide range of welding equipment and consumables under PATON™ trade mark, which are supplied to more than 30 countries all over the world, besides Ukraine.

