The perspectives of Armenia’s and South Caucasus Railway Integration into the Eurasian Transport System

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The Company was found in 2008 under the concession agreement between the Republic of Armenia and “Russian Railways” JSC. The Company is 100% subsidiary of “Russian Railways” JSC.

Overall investments will constitute $572 млн already been invested:
- $240 mln in infrastructure
- $173.2 mln in rolling stock
- $65.8 mln

Efficiency increase of railway transport;
security;
competitiveness;
safety: transport accidents decreased for 10 times
General dynamics of “SCR” CJSC development in local and regional transportation between 2008 and 2014

The share of SCR on the freight transportation market in the Republic of Armenia: 30%

The share of railway transport on the freight transportation market on average in Europe (according to Eurostat): 22%

Since the concession agreement was signed:

- Average weight of train: +36.5%
- Speed of transportation: +53%
- The volume of cargo transportation has been increased for 15% since 2008

The average speed in Europe constitutes 33.5 km/h; in Asia – 26 km/h; in Asia – 21 km/h (CCPMM method research)
The geography of international transportation of CJSC “SCR”
Integration in the international corridors

- Cargo traffic of Iran through the railway line Iran-Armenia
- Before opening railway between Armenia and Iran
- Cargo traffic of Russia through Armenia into Turkey

Operated railway line
Operated automob line
Railway line projected
The Railway Project Between Armenia and Iran

$3,2 bln

The overall volume of necessary investments for the realization of “South Armenian Railway” connecting Armenia with Iran

6 years

Expected period of construction

304,71 km

Projected length of the road

The project of “South Armenian Railway” in a global context is:

- an impetus for economic and social development of the regions and nearby territories where the rail line will be built;
- diversification of routes;
- minimization of geopolitical risks
Promising directions of served cargo traffic Iran-Armenia

Possibility to connect Iranian Bender-Abbas and Georgian Poti through Armenia within the framework of Caucasian link of North South Transport Corridor project.

Organization of transport traffic from the Persian gulf to the direction of member-states of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

Establishment of the shortest way of transit root Iran-Armenia-EU states.

Attraction of the transit cargo via international transit corridor, including the TRASECA root.

Freight traffic from/to Turkey, Iran.

17 mln t/year

Expected volume of transportation on the Iran-Armenia-Black Sea ports-EU states route

The project will strengthen economic ties between the countries of Black Sea region and the Persian Gulf, between Central and Eastern Asia and China.
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Associated membership (2010).

Cooperation and interaction within the framework of the Global Team of Experts (GTE).

Increasing the personnel potential of employees.

Recently, CJSC SCR proposed to create a universal information base

Full membership (2011).

Cooperation within the framework of COTIF

Joined the standardized scheme of legal relations among the participants of the market of railway transportation.

Conformity with the international standards of legal relationship, with the rules of freight and passenger.

Affiliated enterprise (2012).

Scientific-technological cooperation on the level of inter-state organizations and railways (MTP, SMGS, SMPS).

The programs of increasing competitiveness compared to the other types of transport.
Our suggestions

Betterment of information and technical cooperation based on coordinated flow of documentation between EEU and Europe in the realm of transport service; establishment of a single “Bank of Information”

Building and development of “Rail Road Map” for the countries geographically lying in the intersection of European and Eurasian Unions aimed at accelerating and easing the process of freight and passengers transportation.

Expansion and sophistication of the Caucasian root in the framework of International North-South Transport Corridor in light of the railway project between Armenia and Iran.
Thank you for your kind attention!