

## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **EUROUZ & its members sponsor humanitarian aid to support Uzbekistan's fight against COVID-19**

With a view of active COVID-19 pandemic control measures in Uzbekistan, some foreign companies actively operating in Uzbekistan, take a responsible decision to not remain on the sidelines and actively participate in the state's efforts to fight the pandemic.

Under the co-ordination of the **European-Uzbek Association for Economic Cooperation (EUROUZ)** and with the support of the **Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Benelux countries**, companies **Çalık Holding (Turkey)** and **Pietro Fiorentini (Italy)** have sponsored a procurement and delivery of new generation noninvasive ventilators (ALVs), which were delivered and transferred to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan in August.

**Çalık Holding** is the one of the largest Turkish industrial businesses operating in international markets, whose capitalisation makes up approximately 8 (eight) bln. USD. The Company operates in the construction, textile and mining industries. The company is present in Uzbekistan over many years and had participated in consortiums as EPC Contractor in construction projects of new Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Power Plants (CCPP) Navoi I, Navoi II & Turakurgan. The Company also currently acts as an investor of the Tashkent Central Park project, a construction of a group of hi-rise mixed-use business buildings in Tashkent city center, with the total investment value of 400 mln. USD.

**Pietro Fiorentini Spa** is one of the leading Italian suppliers of equipment and technologies in the fuel and energy sector. The Company also operates in Uzbekistan for several years and is currently taking part in a project of technology transfer of its proprietary smart gas meter technology for equipment that is already being made in Uzbekistan.

The humanitarian cargo sponsored by the two companies has been procured directly from a manufacturer in Germany, and then, with the help of the **Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Benelux countries** was delivered to Liege, Belgium, from where it was delivered to the Republic of Uzbekistan by a special cargo flight of **JSC "Uzbekistan Airways"**.

On a separate occasion, though a close collaboration with the Uzbek community in Europe and the UAE, the EUROUZ team has arranged for a purchase and delivery of 50 oxygen concentrators and one ICU ventilator, all of which were distributed to remote regional clinics across Uzbekistan after their delivery to the country. 24 of the units and the ICU ventilator were fully sponsored by EUROUZ staff members.

The total value of medical equipment shipped to Uzbekistan with the support of the **European-Uzbek Association for Economic Cooperation (EUROUZ)**, in July and August 2020 has exceeded a value of 80.000 EURO.

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