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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

ŞANLIURFA IS WELCOMING ITS SECOND ORGANIZED INDUSTRIAL ZONE

Ankara, 28 May 2009 - Within the scope of the Industrial Restructuring of Şanlıurfa Project which is implemented under European Union - Turkey Pre-Accession Financial Assistance Programme, the Ground Breaking Ceremony of Şanlıurfa Second Organized Industrial Zone (OIZ) and Waste Water Treatment Plant for the first and second OIZs will be organized on 28 May 2009 with the participations of the HE Nihat Ergün, Minister of Industry and Trade; HE Marc Pierini, Head of EC Delegation to Turkey, Ms. Ulrika Richardson-Golinski, UNDP Turkey Resident Representative (a.i.) together with Muhsin Altun, Head of the Central Finance and Contracts Unit, Yusuf Yavaşcan Governor of Şanlıurfa; and Sabri Ertekin, Chairman of Şanlıurfa Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

“Industrial Restructuring of Şanlıurfa Project”, is being implemented within the scope of 2006 National Pre-Accession Financial Assistance Programme for Turkey. The final beneficiary of the Project is the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The Central Finance and the Contracts Unit is the contracting authority of the Project. The Project is composed of two components; Construction Works Component covering the infrastructure and waste water treatment plant construction and consultancy and supervision services; and the Technical Assistance Component covering the identification of the strategic sectors for Şanlıurfa OIZ and establishing an operating environment for the enterprises in the OIZ, in which such enterprises can operate competitively. The technical component of the Project is implemented by the UNDP Turkey.

The overall objective of the Project is to reduce regional disparities in Turkey, by contributing to social stability and economic development in the Southeast Anatolia Region.

The Project aims at industrial restructuring of Şanlıurfa and improvement of the competitiveness of the province in national and international markets. Within the scope of the Project, infrastructure of the 2nd Organized Industrial Zone and the waste water treatment plant for the first and second OIZs will be constructed, and administrative, operational and entrepreneurial capacities of the Small and Medium-sized Enterprises will be improved.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony of Şanlıurfa Second Organized Industrial Zone will start with the registrations on 28 May 2009 at 16:00 hrs. The ceremony will be open for the press. The ceremony program is attached.

For detailed information regarding the event, please contact Aygen Aytaç at UNDP