

Russia's GC Rost plans construction of greenhouse complex in the Far East

The Khabarovsk territory in Russia may soon have another resident. One of the largest producers of greenhouse vegetables in Russia, the Group of companies Rost, announced plans to build a large greenhouse complex in the Far East.

According to Vedomosti, the greenhouse complex will have 30 hectares and it is planned to be put into operation in two stages, with the first scheduled to be completed in 2022 and the second in 2024. The total investment for the project is estimated at 8.5 billion rubles (about 110.78 million Euro), and Sergei Rukin, head of the Group of companies Rost, set one condition: that it should generate its own electricity from gas.

The Group of companies Rost said that it is developing a strategy to supply consumers across the Russian Federation with fresh vegetables.

To this end, it intends to expand its presence in the regions, and by 2022, to increase the capacity of its own greenhouse complexes to 300 hectares. In April of this year, two divisions of the firm in the Rostov and Tyumen regions were successfully certified to comply with the international standards GLOBALG.A.P. and GRASP, and became the first fresh vegetable producers in the Russian Federation with goods allowed for export to EU countries.

According to preliminary statements, in Khabarovsk, Rost plans to produce tomatoes in the mid-range and premium segments, and also cucumbers.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Khabarovsk Territory, the area currently devoted to greenhouse vegetable cultivation in the region amounts to about 7.4 hectares. It also said that four investment



projects are currently being implemented and that by 2021, the acreage devoted to protected horticulture will increase by 5.1 hectares.

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