

**Russian Danish Business Forum (RDBF) discusses *ACCELERATED INTEGRATION***

**Meeting on 9 September in Saint Petersburg at Baltika Breweries**

**On the occasion of the Danish State Visit to Russia**

On 6 to 9 September 2011, a Danish State Visit to Russia will take place. On this occasion, a formal meeting of the Russian Danish Business Forum will be held. The meeting will take place on Friday 9 September at the premises of Baltika Breweries in Saint Petersburg.

The purpose of the meeting is to enable a discussion among the members of RDBF with high level officials on the Russian and Danish side on how to accelerate the integration between our enterprises and our economies thereby combining our mutual strengths and reaping the benefits of integration.

**Programme**

- 14.30**      **Arrival at Baltika for business leaders**
- 15.00**      **Arrival at Baltika by Her Majesty the Queen of Denmark and other official guests**
- 15.05      Presentation of the Royal Brew
- 15.10      Short tour of the facility by Her Majesty the Queen
- 15.15      Presentation of Special Economic Zones of Russia by the Ministry of Economic Development to business leaders (main conference hall)
- 15.30**      **Session of the Russian Danish Business Forum (main conference hall)**
- 15.30      Welcome remarks by Danish and Russian co-chairmen
- 15.32      Presentation of a film about Russian-Danish investments
- 15.40      Introductions by Danish RDBF members
- 16.00      Introductions by Russian RDBF members
- 16.20      Response by Russian Official Representatives
- 16.30      Response by Danish Official Representatives
- 16.40      Adoption of joint declaration
- 16.45**      **End of session**

## **Background on RDBF**

RDBF is a group of CEO's from companies from Denmark and Russia. The companies are the largest and most prominent investors between Denmark and Russia representing large volumes in trade and investment. The Danish co-chairman of RDBF is Mr Jørn Buhl Rasmussen who is CEO of Carlsberg which is the largest Danish investor in Russia through Baltika Breweries. The Russian co-chairman of RDBF is Mr Vladimir Lisin, Chairman of Novolipetsk Steel which is the largest Russian investor in Denmark through Dansteel. The work of RDBF is being facilitated through a secretariat at the Confederation of Danish Industry together with the offices of the two co-chairmen.

The purpose of RDBF is to further promote the business between companies in Denmark and Russia.

RDBF was established on the occasion of the State Visit to Denmark by Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev which took place on 28 April 2010. On this occasion, the members of RDBF attended the large Russian Danish Business Conference held at Carlsberg's premises in Copenhagen with the President and a number of ministers from both the Russian and Danish side as key note speakers. The members were introduced to and had an informal discussion with President Medvedev in the Danish Prime Minister's office the same day. One year later, on 26 April 2011, the RDBF once again met. This time it happened on the occasion of the official visit to Denmark by Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Again, the members of RDBF were able exchange viewpoints with the Russian guest of honour in the Danish Prime Minister's office.

As one of its initial activities, RDBF has launched a web-site to further provide information and case studies on mutual investment between Russia and Denmark: [www.rdbforum.com](http://www.rdbforum.com).