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USTDA EXPLORES COOPERATION WITH KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

Acting Director Zak Welcomes Prime Minister Chudinov to U.S. Trade and Development Agency

WASHINGTON, DC (September 24, 2009) – Reflecting the Obama Administration’s commitment to strong bilateral relations between the United States and the Kyrgyz Republic underpinned by a solid economic foundation, USTDA Acting Director Leocadia I. Zak met with His Excellency Igor Chudinov, Prime Minister, today to discuss areas for potential cooperation. Their Excellencies Kadyrbek Sarbaev, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Marat Sultanov, Minister of Finance; and Zamira Sydykova, Ambassador to the United States, also attended the meeting at USTDA headquarters.

“USTDA has been active in the Kyrgyz Republic, particularly in the electric power sector. We admire the Kyrgyz Republic’s achievements and hope to continue our cooperation in the future,” said Zak.

USTDA has worked with Kyrgyz project sponsors to provide access to state-of-the-art U.S. equipment, technology and expertise in meeting their development objectives. Priority sectors include electric power, information and communications technology, and natural resource development.

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency advances economic development and U.S. commercial interests in developing and middle-income countries. The agency funds various forms of technical assistance, feasibility studies, training, orientation visits and business workshops that support the development of a modern infrastructure and a fair and open trading environment. USTDA’s strategic use of foreign assistance funds to support sound investment policy and decision-making in host countries creates an enabling environment for trade, investment and sustainable economic development. In carrying out its mission, USTDA gives emphasis to economic sectors that may benefit from U.S. exports of goods and services.

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