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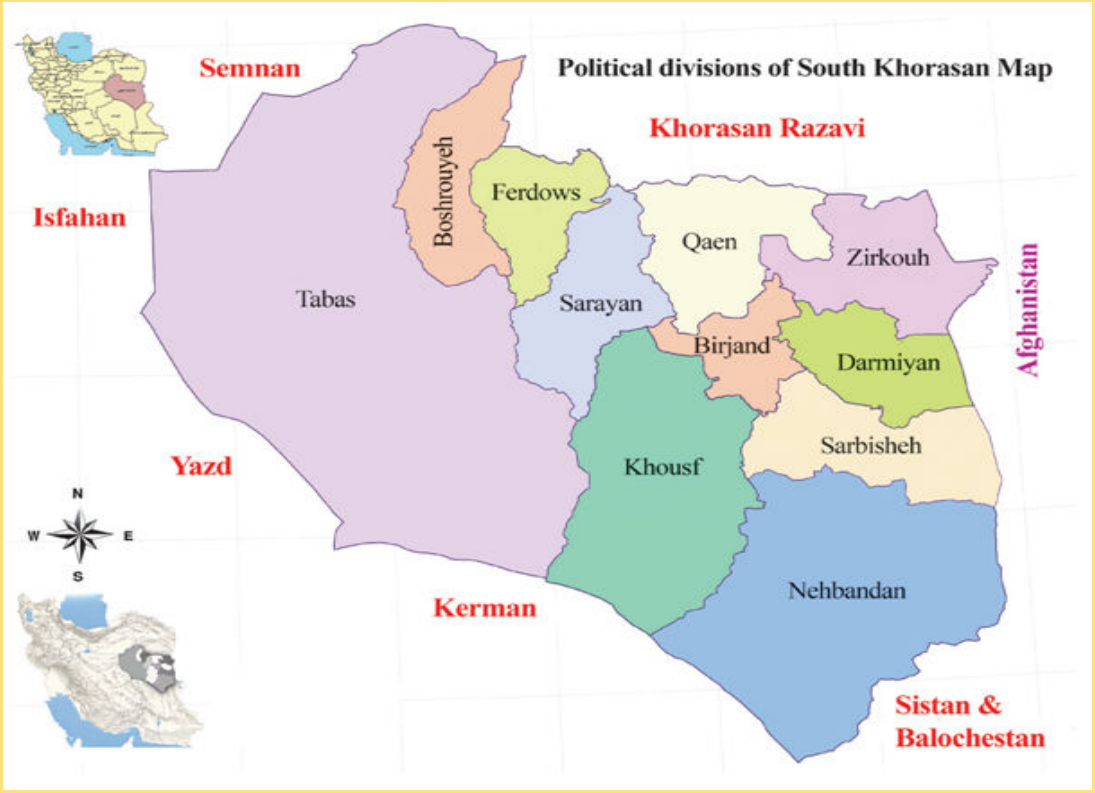
Investment is of remarkable tools to achieve higher rates of economic growth, wealth creation and to promote individual and societal well-being.

Since one of the major factors affecting domestic and foreign investment is transient diffusion and dissemination of information, and transparent, accurate, timely and up to date notification of abilities , potentials , regulations and investment opportunities, Investment Services Center of South Khorasan,with aimed to provide new features , capabilities, opportunities, benefits and investment incentives to investors and entrepreneurs has prepared and written the book ' Capabilities, Potential and Investment Opportunities in South Khorasan " .

In order to necessity to identify and collect the province economic capabilities and investment opportunities, Investment Services Center of South Khorasan with headquarter in collaboration with executive sectors proceeded to edit the book entitled "Capabilities, Potentials and Investment Opportunities in South Khorasan Province", both in Persian and English to introduce the field to the investors , and the entrepreneurs.

We hope that this book which is aimed at identifying and collecting investment opportunities and the province capabilities, can help foreign and domestic entrepreneurs know the advantages of investment in the province and retaining, attracting and channeling investors take a positive step towards the development of domestic and foreign investment and economic development of the province.

Introduction of South Khotasan Province



General and economic information of the province		
Row	**Topic**	Status
۱	**Population (census of population and housing2016)**	Total Population: 768897 Urban: 453827 Rural:315071
۲	**Total Province**	150800 km2
۳	**Active population (10 years and more - 2016)**	242752 Persons
۴	**Unemployment rate (2022)**	7.5 %
۵	**Gross domestic product at market price(2019)**	277080 billion rials
6	**Number of Industrial Estates**	9 towns & 14 Industrial regions
7	**Number of free and special economic zones**	1. Birjand Special Economic Zone with an area of 730 hectares 2.The detached part is in Mahyarud border with an area of 100 hectares
8	**Number of official customs**	two official customs administrations called “Customs of Birjand” and "Customs Mahirood"



1. It is located in the gravity center of the eastern transit line of Iran and on the national south- north railroad track.
2. The province is located on Asian highway routes with the possibility of using international investments in the development of the regional transportation network.
3. The province is located on the path of the (international) air transportation with the possibility of air transportation capacity development.
4. There are special economic zones in the city of Birjand, with an area of 730 hectares (at the Capital of the Province) and at the border of Iran and Afghanistan with an area of 100 hectares.
5. The golden opportunity of its neighborhood with Afghanistan›s with 331-kilometer shared borderline according to the country›s vast consumer market.
6. The possibility of high utilization of renewable energies such as solar, wind, etc. energies
7. The province›s location on the Bandar Abbas-Afghanistan transit route and the possibility of establishing a dry commercial port (Dry Port)

Industry:





The unique advantages of South Khorasan Special Economic Zone:

- Iran's closest special economic zone to Afghanistan's Ring Way.
- Located in the center of gravity of the transit highway of regional and international corridors
- Having 13 fuel transfer sites with more than 50 showers and tanks with high capacity in the special economic zone.
- Obtaining a license to set up an oil hub (fuel transfer through a pipeline) by the special economic zone
- Iran's first special economic zone with a main site near the provincial capital and a separate plot at the zero-border point





- Peskraneh and Bandarekhoshk (Dry port) of the East and North-Genu corridor in the vicinity of Bandar Sheikh Abunasrfarahi in Afghanistan.
- Communication bridge between the important ports of the Middle East and Central Asia for the purpose of raw materials depot and transit agents and the center of gravity of the depot and the distribution of empty containers.
- Free and duty-free entry of machines, spare parts, raw materials and construction materials for the construction of commercial production units.
- 13-year performance tax exemption for regional investors
- The cheapest rate of allocating land exploitation rights compared to other special economic zones of the country and providing ownership documents and the possibility of mortgaging documents to obtain bank facilities
- Issuance of all investment permits in less than 72 hours and elimination of administrative bureaucracies.
- The availability of land, water, electricity, communication and telecommunication and IT infrastructures, as well as the construction of the provincial customs complex on the southern side of the land of the central site of the special zone.
- Service window on both sites (customs, standard, quarantine post, insurance, bank, etc.)

Capabilities and Potentials of south khorasan provinve



Major industrial units are located in the province capital and most of these units are concentrated in the industrial estates of Birjand. Mineral and agricultural potentials of the region have caused the dominant component of the province›s industries to be mineral, food and textile based on products and raw materials in the province. Although the level and extent of mineral and agricultural processing are far from optimal, and the establishment of new industries with the goal of proper use of capacities leads to the creation of value added and appropriate employment.

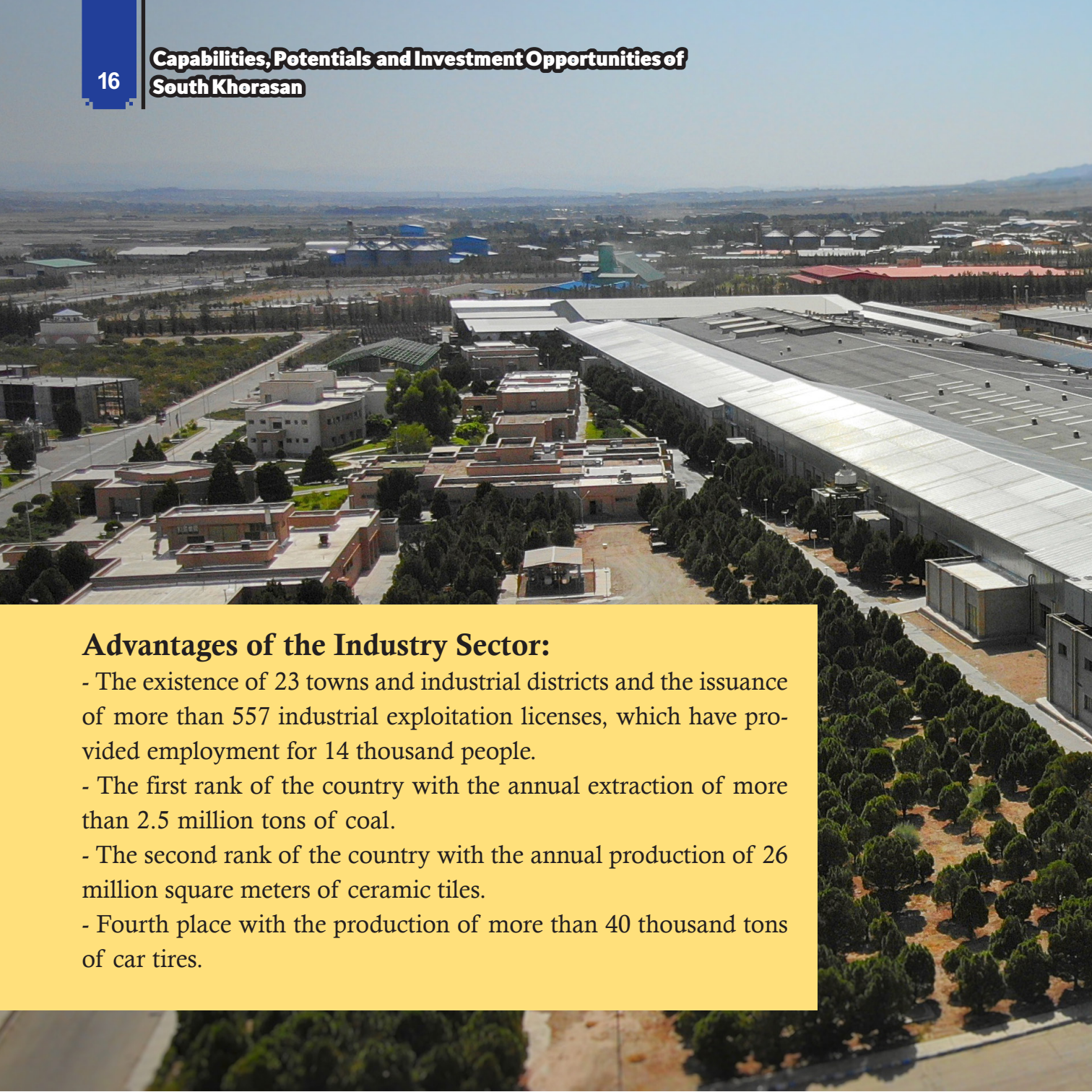




The important industrial-mineral units of this province:

different tires, gray cement, ceramic and tile, magnesium oxide, concentrated coal, micronized mineral powders, magnesium ingot, textile, pipe and PE connections, dried fruit packaging, beans and saffron, silica sand, hygienic porcelain, decorative stones, concentrated fruit, print and packing services, and etc.





Advantages of the Industry Sector:

- The existence of 23 towns and industrial districts and the issuance of more than 557 industrial exploitation licenses, which have provided employment for 14 thousand people.
- The first rank of the country with the annual extraction of more than 2.5 million tons of coal.
- The second rank of the country with the annual production of 26 million square meters of ceramic tiles.
- Fourth place with the production of more than 40 thousand tons of car tires.



Mines:

- The highest amount of mineral diversity in the country with 55 kinds of mineral materials
- Existence of valuable resources of metallic and non-metallic minerals, rich reserves of decorative stones and valuable minerals such as bentonite, granite, chromite, iron, marble, prismatic basalt, copper, zinc, lead, coal, gold, magnesite, kaolin and chrome. , silica, andalusite, dolomite, pearlite.
- Exporting the valuable mineral products of this province to China, Iraq, Turkey, Armenia, Europe, and Arab countries of Persian Golf
- The sixth rank in the number of mines in the country's provinces with 800 mines employing about 14,000 people.
- The twelfth place in the mineral reserves of the country, with definite reserves of 7 billion tons
- The first place in the resources of coal, magnesite, and fireproof industrial soils of Iran with the golden opportunity of making mineral processing units in south Khorasan for foreign investors.







- The presence of more than 76% of the country's coal reserves in Tabas city
- Existence of gold reserves amounting to 62 million tons of gold ore in the form of 7 mines and 3 gold processing units with an investment of 2000 billion Tomans, which Shadan gold processing unit is known as the largest unit in the east of the country.
- Possessing 85% of the country's bentonite reserves and the annual extraction of one million and 850 thousand tons has placed this province in the first rank of bentonite in the country.
- Registration of the National Geographical Indication of 13 key minerals of the province, including: Shajar Zirkouh opal, Tabas and Nehbandan fluorite, Nahbandan garnet, Sa Ghalee autumn opal, Ferdows spring opal, Sarbisheh manzite, Tabas coal, colorful marble South Khorasan, Nehbandan cotton flower granite, Nehbandan andalusite, green granite and bentonite of the province and Sarbisheh golden prismatic basalt stone.



Business:

- **Proximity to international markets**: golden opportunity of quick access to the market of the neighbor country, Afghanistan.
- There are 2 official land customs (Birjand and Mahirud customs) and 1 customs at the permitted air border of Birjand International Airport.
- 2 official Customs
- Existence of 4 border markets at the border of Afghanistan named: Birjand Customs, Mahirood Customs, and border markets of Golvardeh, Mahirood, Yazdan, and Dokuhaneh
- Two special economic zones with the area of 830 acres ready to transfer to the investors, with the possibility of importing goods with the less customs formalities and the transit of imported goods in this region to abroad.
- The existence of 40,000 trade unions in the province, which has provided employment for more than 100,000 people.



- The presence of 650 economic operators in the field of foreign trade, which is an advantage for the expansion of national and transnational exchanges
- Existence of stone export terminal in special economic zone of Birjand.
- There are 50 thousand weavers with an annual production of 180 thousand square meters of hand-woven carpets and the registration of 2 geographic marks of hand-woven carpets, Mod and Khestan.
- Registration of 4 advantageous products of the province, including Khorasan saffron, Birjand jujube, South Khorasan barberry, and Iranian Qaenat saffron in the WIPO organization.



Agriculture:

Existence of relative advantages in the production of some agricultural products:

-The first place in Iran and the world in the production of barberry with 99% of the country's production

- First place in producing Jujube in Iran with 98% of the production in Iran
- Second place in producing Saffron in terms of quantity and first place in terms of quality of saffron
- Third place in producing high quality medical herbs of 800 kinds.
- The fifth national place in producing Amaryllis
- Sixth place in producing Cotton& Pistachio







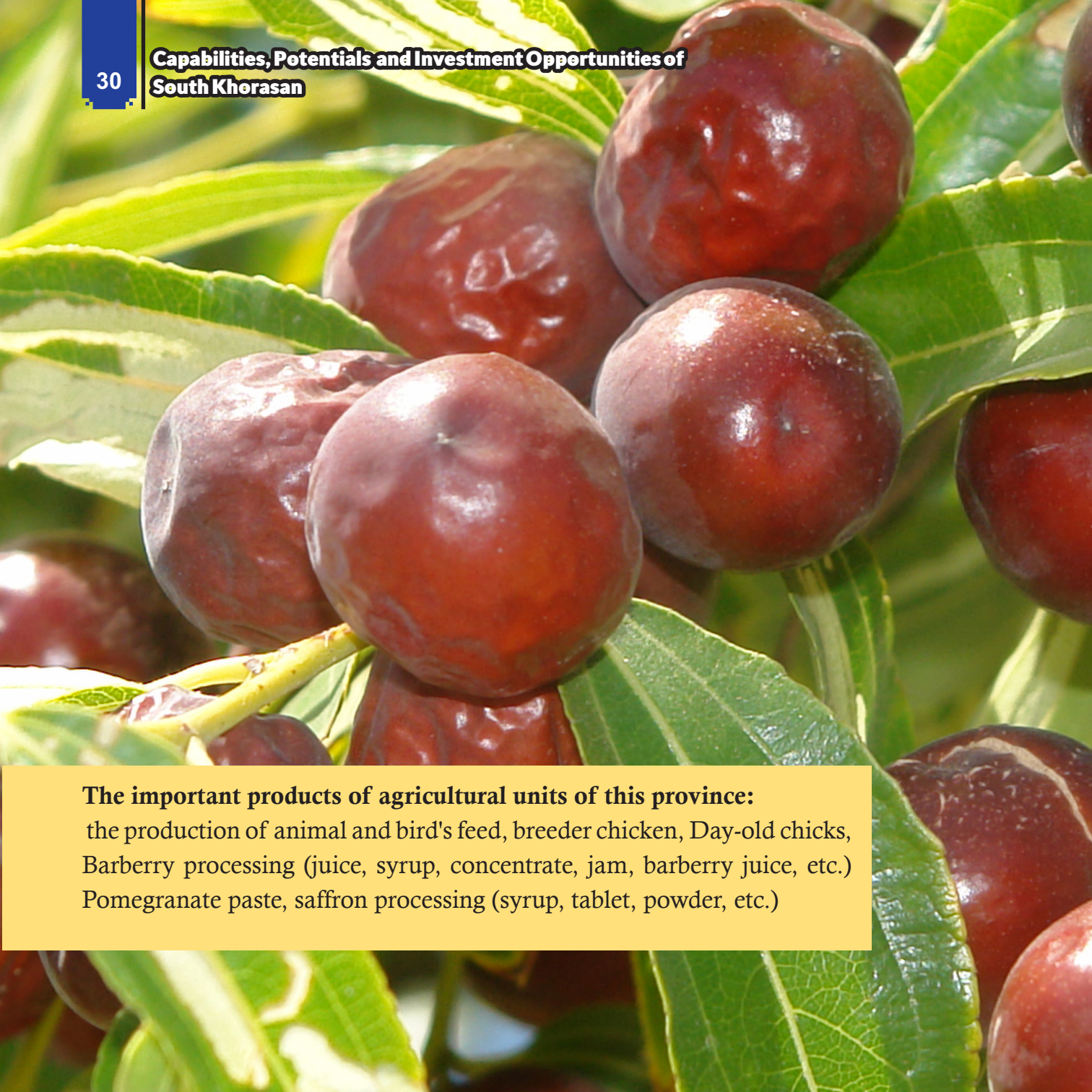
- The eighth national place in producing pomegranate & Almonds
- The first national place in the numbers of Aqueducts with 6983 Aqueducts
- The possibility of formation and setting up agricultural corporations with regard to the activity of 7 corporations and achieving thefirst national place in terms of quality and quantity.
- The second rank of the country's camel population with a share of 16%.
- The possibility of using the plains and the edge of the desert to raise live-stock such as camels, ostriches, goats, etc.
- The activity of 7 agricultural joint-stock companies and winning the first place in terms of quantity and quality in the country.





- Having a complete cycle of chicken production in the province.
- Having an advantage in raising fluffy goats, native chickens, Balochi sheep and ostriches and camels.
- Registration of 4 advantageous products of the province, including Khorasan saffron, Birjand jujube, South Khorasan barberry and Qaenat saffron in the WIPO organization.





The important products of agricultural units of this province:
the production of animal and bird's feed, breeder chicken, Day-old chicks, Barberry processing (juice, syrup, concentrate, jam, barberry juice, etc.) Pomegranate paste, saffron processing (syrup, tablet, powder, etc.)





Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts

South Khorasana cradle of Civilization and culture and one of the poles of Anthropology in Iran having a historical capacity, religious, cultural and natural capacities in developing the industry of tourism such as:

- More than 2200 identified monuments throughout the province and registration of more than 1054 monuments in the list of National Monuments in Iran

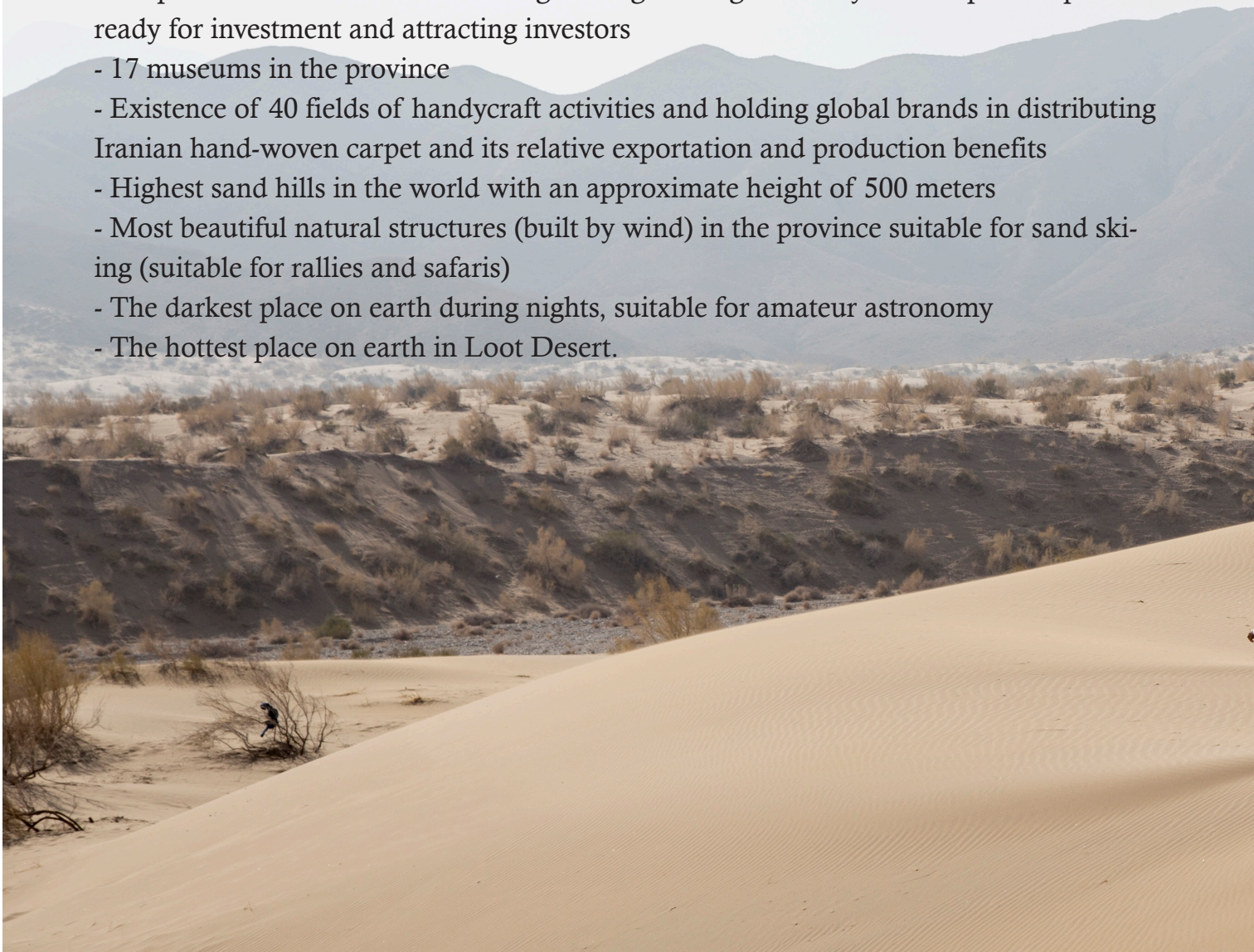




- Registration of 9 historical and natural monuments of Akbariyeh garden and mansion in Birjand, Lut Bay, Balade Ferdous Aqueduct, Tabas Geopark, registration of handicrafts of Khorashad village (Tu Bafi) and 4 caravans of Sera Sarayan, Deh Mohammad, Khan and Chihl Payay in the UNESCO World Heritage List.



- More than 19 historical gardens registered in the National Heritage List
- Registration of two geographical indications of Maud and Qahestan hand-woven carpets
- 10 special tourism zones and 14 target villages along with 5 hydrotherapic complexes ready for investment and attracting investors
- 17 museums in the province
- Existence of 40 fields of handycraft activities and holding global brands in distributing Iranian hand-woven carpet and its relative exportation and production benefits
- Highest sand hills in the world with an approximate height of 500 meters
- Most beautiful natural structures (built by wind) in the province suitable for sand skiing (suitable for rallies and safaris)
- The darkest place on earth during nights, suitable for amateur astronomy
- The hottest place on earth in Loot Desert.





Energy:

South Khorasan province has a special place because of using solar energy and wind energy. With a good climate and sunlight and wind, this province has the ability to produce fresh and clean energy in most areas and in most seasons.

In southern Khorasan, the average sunny hours reach 3200 hours and even more, as in some cities of southern Khorasan, including Tabas, the amount of radiation is 481 (calories per square centimeter per day). This range of radiation is also approximately 350 to 481 in the cities of Sarayan, Birjand, Qayin, Bashrooye, Arask, Nehbandan. According to the map of the solar atlas of Iran, the southern Khorasan region has a radiation of 4.5 to 5.2 kWh per day, which has an excellent position to use for solar energy.



Proposed geographical location of solar power plants			
Row	Site	County	Power plant capacity (MW)
1	Nehbandan	Nehbandan	50
2	Tabas	Tabas	15
3	Deyhuk	Tabas	10
4	Shosf	Nehbandan	50
5	SeyedMorad	Nehbandan	10
6	Asadiyeh	Darmyan	15
7	Dasht Fatimieh	Khusf	50
8	Siyah righ	Boshruyeh	15
9	Band Akhund	Ferdows	15
10	Dasht Sarayan	Sarayan	50
11	Seh Qaleh	Sarayan	2
12	Khezri	Qain	10
Total			**292**



There are also prerequisites condition for the implementation of wind plans in the province, according to research, the average wind speed in the province reaches 23 km/h, and even in some places to around 33 km/h, which is a very favorable condition for electricity generation.

Existing several wind halls in Nehbandan, Qaen, Afriz, Kojeh and Chahnooyeh Ferdows, and TabasMesina in the middle, is the best potential for the implementation of wind farms and solar power stations in the province.





Various access to the province

Aviation:

There is an international airport in the province of South Khorasan, in the center of province (Birjand city) and a domestic airport in the city of Tabas. The domestic flights of Birjand International Airport are to Tehran and Mashhad (24 round trips), Tabas Airport to Tehran (4 round trips) and international flights from Birjand International Airport to Jeddah and Najaf (4 round trips). The flight from the airport of the province to other destinations such as Zahedan, Yazd, Isfahan, Kish, and the Emirates is under review. In order to increase the number of flights, there is urgent need to invest in private sectors in the industry.



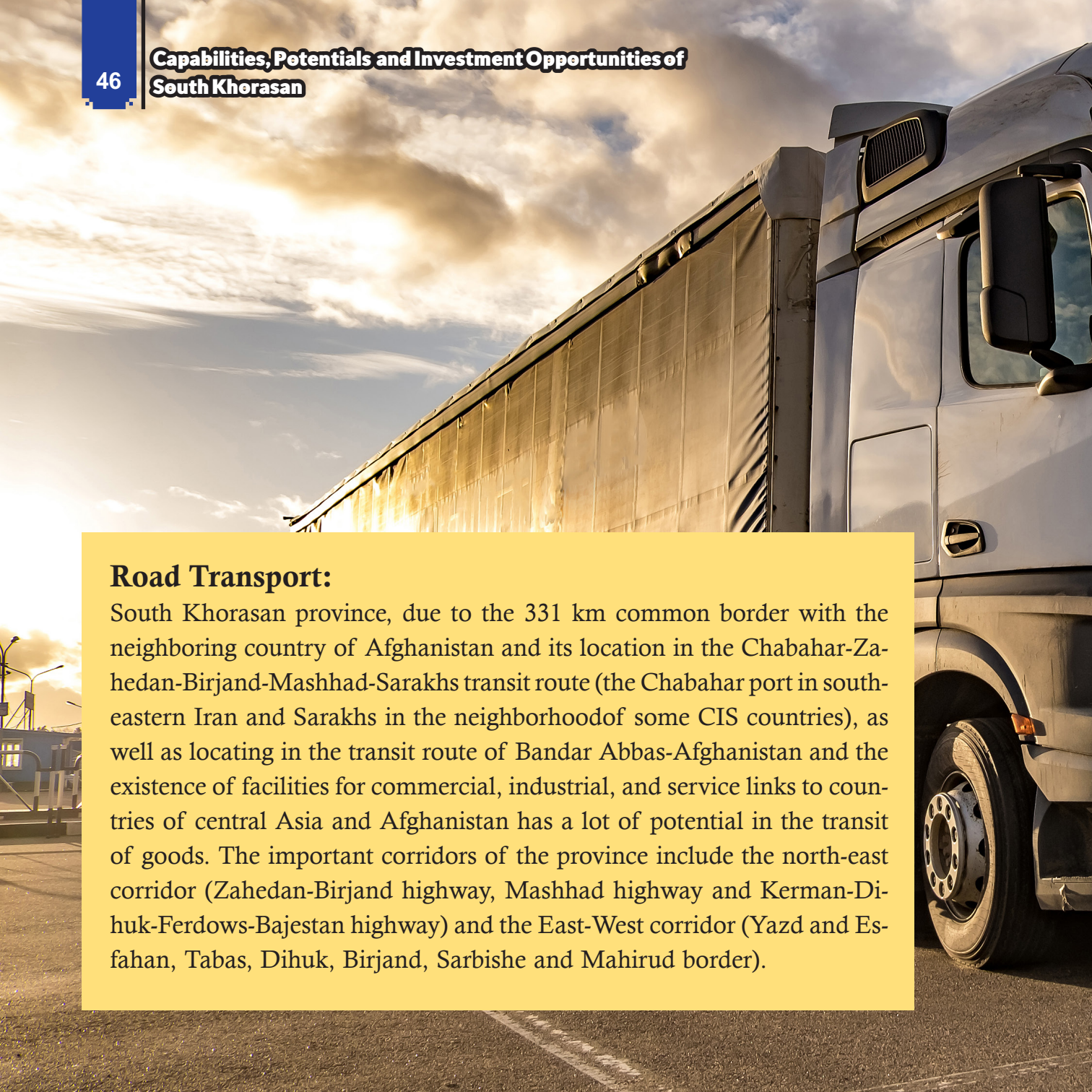

BIRJAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Rail Transport:

In the rail and railway section, despite the geopolitical position of the South Khorasan province to transit transport to Afghanistan and Central Asian countries, there are about 315 km of Bafgh-Mashhad railway in Tabas, Boshrooyah and Ferdos, and because the most important factor of development in Southern Khorasan Province, are mineral potential or construction of industries, explanatory, technical and economic studies of the eastern railways project (Zahedan-Birjand-and connecting to the national railway) have been done and the Commission›s permission of article 32 has been received and implementation of this important project requiresproviding financial resources or foreign investment.




ایستگاه راه آهن طبس
Tabas Railway station



Road Transport:

South Khorasan province, due to the 331 km common border with the neighboring country of Afghanistan and its location in the Chabahar-Zahedan-Birjand-Mashhad-Sarakhs transit route (the Chabahar port in southeastern Iran and Sarakhs in the neighborhoodof some CIS countries), as well as locating in the transit route of Bandar Abbas-Afghanistan and the existence of facilities for commercial, industrial, and service links to countries of central Asia and Afghanistan has a lot of potential in the transit of goods. The important corridors of the province include the north-east corridor (Zahedan-Birjand highway, Mashhad highway and Kerman-Dihuk-Ferdows-Bajestan highway) and the East-West corridor (Yazd and Esfahan, Tabas, Dihuk, Birjand, Sarbishe and Mahirud border).





Province Investment Opportunities

Most important investment plans and opportunities for South Khorasan as follows:

• Transferring water from the Sea of Oman to the eastern provinces of the country

• Construction of national railroad in the east from Chabahar to Sarakhs (Zahedan – Birjand – Yonesi part, 737 kilometers long)

• Construction of water treatment and purification centers in the province

• Building highways and making all provincial roads two-way

• Construction of wind and solar power plants and construction of wind turbine factories

• Construction of factories producing: paper out of calcium carbonate- various types of firebrick- ferroalloy- extraction of magnesium out of dolomite- glass fiber- basalt- silicon metal





• Construction of mineral processing considering the affluence of minerals in the province: coal, bentonite, limestone, precious and semi-precious stones, perlite, kaolin, silica, decorative stones along with the construction of modern stone cutting factories
• Partnership in plans to develop tire, cement, tile and ceramics, coke, production of refractory materials, copper cathode, and steel etc.
• Construction of tourism and desert tourism camps with commercial and accommodation centers
• Investment in particular tourism zones and target villages for tourism in the province, Construction of zoos and etc.
• Double cold storage and storage warehouse for agricultural products
• Milk refinery
• Creation of processing and packaging units for zashak, jujube, saffron products
• Establishment of processing and packaging units for medicinal plants
• Large greenhouse units and production of all kinds of summer vegetables, oyster mushroom, vegetables and....
• Construction of industrial poultry slaughterhouses and side industries (canning)
• Creation of a processing unit for all types of meat (sausages, sausages) and eggs
• Construction of medicinal plant production complexes
• Development of the ostrich industry
• Breeding of breeding dairy camels



large units of Industry and Mining Sector of South Khorasan Province

Row	Company	Products	Annual Capacity
1	**Kavir Tire co.**	Tire	31000 tons
2	**Niloofar Tile co.**	Tile	6600000 m2
3	**Farzad Tile co.**	Tile	12 million m2
4	**Aida Ceram co.**	Tile	8000000 m2
5	**Magnesium Oxide plant .**	Magnesium Oxide	350000 tons
6	**Qaen Cement co.**	Portland cement	1000000 tons
7	**Faraz Polymer Ferdows co.**	Poly-Ethylene Pipes	14500 tons
8	**Novin Ceram co.**	Porcelain	1000 tons
9	**Tabas Parvadeh Coal co.**	Coal	750000 tons
10	**Ferdows Textile co.**	Cotton string	3000 tons
11	**Qaenat Steel Company**	Direct Reduced Iron	800,000 tons
12	**Mina Khan Co**	Copper concentrate	12000 tons
13	**Coke Tabas Co**	coke	450,000 tons
14	**Bagheran Cement Company**	Portland cement	1,000,000 tons
15	**Middle East Mines Expansion and Renovation Company**	Coal concentrate	500,000 tons
16	**Pirakan Mining Company**	iron concentrate	600,000 tons
17	**Eastern Copper Desert Company**	copper cathode	1100 tons
18	**Abad Rahan Pars International Group**	Gold Bullion	180 kg
19	**The land of Kavan Zaman**	Gold Bullion	60 kg
20	**Mines and mineral industries work in Sadrjehan**	Gold Bullion	300 kg

Large units of Agriculture Sector of South Khorasan Province

Row	Company	Products	Annual Capacity
1	**Tarvand Saffron co.**	Saffron & Dried Fruits Sorting & Packaging&…	10800 tons
2	**Honey taj**	Medicinal plants honey	120 tons
3	**Kian star**	livestock, poultry and fish foods	120000 tons
4	**khoshe sorkh shargh**	Barberry and syrup&…	6200 tons
5	**Dan & Oloofeh Shargh co.**	Animal Food	242000 tons
6	**Forozan Industrial Poultry Slaughterhouse**	White meat	16000 tons
7	**South Khorasan mother chicken complex**	Day-old chick, fertile egg	355,000 pieces
8	**Industrial livestock and ostrich slaughterhouse of Aria Ark Sharq Company (Khestan)**	Red Meat	16500 tons
9	**Bidemashk Complex (Siroos Moshar)**	White meat, eggs, red meat and milk	-
10	**Islamabad Agricultural Joint Stock Company**	Agricultural and livestock products	-
11	**Khazari Agricultural Joint Stock Company**	Agricultural,livestock and dairy products	-

Information and Communication Technologies

The development of the country, especially in the field of information and communication technology (ICT) is highly emphasized in the 1404 vision document, general policies and development plans of country.

The development of ICT in the province, the effective and comprehensive role of ICT in all fields (economic, social, cultural, scientific, educational, etc.), the suitable capacities of the province, including a notable number of university graduates in this field, the presence of active and capable private companies in the science and technology park and the ICT Guild organization, and also being located on a common border with the developing country of Afghanistan, provide important opportunities for the market of production and sale of ICT products, equipments and services. These opportunities can cause the growth and prosperity of ICT industries and services, and also lead to export to neighboring countries.

Advantages and capabilities of South Khorasan province in the field of ICT:

1. Suitable capabilities in the province universities, expert human resources and a significant number of graduates in the field of information and communication technology
2. The activity of 1 science and technology park and 4 incubators of technology units in the province
3. The activity of about 80 technology units, knowledge-intensive companies and start-ups, of which 47% are active in the field of ICT
4. The activity of 250 members including stores ad companies in the ICT Guild organization
5. Development of communication infrastructures and broadband internet access in all urban territories and more than 60% of rural areas
6. Significant capabilities in producing software products through the activity of local companies working at the national level

Investment opportunities in the field of ICT:

1. Investing to create a digital economy park in the province due to the existence of specialized human resources and a significant number of university graduates in the field of ICT
2. Investing in the formation and establishment of accelerators of ICT in the province
3. Investing to develop companies that manufacture equipment and provide technical and engineering services in the field of ICT in order to expand telecommunications, infrastructures, optical fiber projects and computer networks in neighboring provinces and developing countries in the region.

List of outstanding companies in the field of ICT

Row	Company Name	Product
1	**Donyayeh Ertebatat Ravis**	Passive network equipment (rack, ladder, cable tray, switchboard and data center monitoring equipment)
2	**Daneshjooyar Khavaran**	Creation of specialized, technical and academic educational content
3	**Payam Avaran Kavir**	Software products about internet user management (Internet Accounting, Cache server)
4	**Keshmoon Platform**	Online platform for selling strategic agricultural products of the province
5	**Uspace Platform**	Online booking platform for ecotourism accommodations and providing tourism services
6	**Puzzley Platform**	Online production of iOS and Android applications
7	**Ertebat Gostaran Shargh**	Production, patenting and implementation of inductive traffic counter sensors on the country's roads
8	**Iranian Professional Programming**	Design and development of softwares and mobile applications, digital marketing etc.

Introducing South Khorasan Science and Technology Park

South Khorasan Science and Technology Park started its work in 2013 with the aim of expanding the economy and employment based on knowledge and technology in South Khorasan province with 8 technology units and now with more than 200 knowledge-based and technology companies in the form of 4 growth centers. In the cities of Birjand, Qaein, Ferdous and Tabas, it is serving and supporting the innovative and technological class. The number of people working in the technological units of the province was 1036 in 2022, which reached 1607 in 2023.

The number of knowledge-based companies in the province has reached 58 in 2023, of which 38 companies are based in the park itself and 20 companies are outside the park. The number of sales of products of technology units in 2023 was 3549 billion, which has grown by 22.3% compared to last year. Also, the amount of export of products and services in 2023 was 1,678,000 dollars.





Row	Company Name	Area of Activity	Product Introduction and Name
1	**Nano Parmin Khavaran**	Mineral processing and production of nanomaterials	Danesh Bonian Nano Parmin Khavaran is currently the only active and specialized company in the field of industrial nanoclay production in the country, whose products are offered under the two brands Blocktone and Paintone and in various grades.
2	**Negin shahr-e-Kaj**	Agriculture and complementary agricultural conversion industries	Packaging and processing of dried fruit products, especially barberry
3	**Improvement of Parsian consultant industry**	Making bitumen emulsions and producing modern bitumen spraying machines	Types of mechanical bitumen sprayers, mobile and portable, chip sealers, relay tanks for bitumen transport, vertical and horizontal bitumen storage tanks, asphalt plant, cold asphalt recycling machine, cement spraying machine on the surface Road, all kinds of sealants Penetration grade bitumen, performance bitumen, viscosity bitumen, oxidized bitumen, soluble bitumen, emulsion bitumen, polymer bitumen

The existence of the Center of Investment Services of South Khorasan

This center is a unity club for foreign investment applicants in this province, with the regular and full-time presence of plenipotentiary representatives of Administrations, as a reference of coordination of this province with theorganization of Investment and Economical and Technical Aids of Iran and other administrations throughout this province, in order to offer the services for foreign investors through the stages of obtaining the license and running the executive and contextual affairs. Most of the activities and proceedings of this center are the consideration, following up, and focusing on the issues and difficulties of the foreign investment applicants and to inform and provide them with the needed guidance and introducing the economical capacities of this province to these applicants.

Privileges, encouragements and legal facilities in support of foreign investors

- Tax exemption to 100% of the result income of all the agricultural activities
- Tax exemption to 100% of the result income of exportation
- Tax exemption to 100% of the income of production units positioned in the less developed regions for 10 years
- Exemption of the first-hand machinery and equipment, which are imported through the Customs, from paying the dues and taxes
- The possibility of registering an Iranian Company with 100% of foreign investment
- No limitation on the scale and amount of the application of foreign investment
- Receiving a recompense in case of expropriation and nationalization
- Absolute guaranteeing of the non-commercial risks by the government of Iran
- Issuing residential permit of 3 years for foreign investors, managers, and experts
- Having no preferential treatment for internal investors in comparison to the foreign investors

Investment Atlas of South Khorasan Province



Priority Projects of Industry and Mining Sector

Row	Project title	Annual capacity	The proposed location of the project	The required area (hectares)	The amount of investment required		Required infrastructure		
					Rial (million rials)	currency (thousand euros)	Water (thousand cubic meters)	Electricity (KW)	gas (thousand cubic meters)
1	**Production of glass by flute method**	3650000 Square meters	Special Economic Zone - Tabas Industrial Town	5	1114946	25125	25	1500	335
2	**Fluorine processing**	9000 tons	Tabas	1	230410	0	5.1	560	1000
3	**Ferroalloy production**	50000 tons	Special Economic Zone – Sarbisheh	1	1080000	0	10	4000	-
4	**Production of green concrete using granite waste**	6000 cubic meter	Nehbandan- Sarbisheh	2.5	658800	0	15	450	120
5	**Production of NOx Oriented Polypropylene (BOPP)**	2700 tons	Special Economic Zone - Birjand Industrial Town	0.5	877720	982	2.4	328	12
6	**Production of micronized powders**	130000 tons	Tabas – Nehbandan	3	552862	0	5.1	560	1000
7	**Production of ammonium sulfate**	10000 tons	Ferdows Industrial Town	1	275570	0	10.2	560	1000
8	**Production of Ferromanganese**	9000 tons	Sarbisheh – Tabas	3	1772014	0	100	4000	800
9	**Production of sanitary ware**	1500 tons	Tabas Industrial Town - Special Economic Zone	5	352228	0	9	400	-
10	**Production of glass and crystal products**	7000 tons	Birjand Industrial Town - Special Economic Zone	1.5	131728	25000	3.3	1000	1980

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11	**Production and processing of sedimentary-evaporite mineral materials**	25000 tons	Sarayan Industrial Area – Boshruyeh – Tabas	4	371452	0	10.2	500	1500
12	**Production of Solar panel**	10 million pieces	Special -Economic Zone Tabas Industrial Town	1	1005440	15000	84	1000	-
13	**Production of basalt fibers**	3000 tons	Sarbisheh	3	359840	20000	105	4000	4000
14	**Paper production from calcium carbonate**	4115 tons	Qaenat- special economic zone of Birjand	4	304776	3500	30	504	535
15	**Production of PVC from coke**	30000 tons	Tabas	15	1114946	25000	46.5	1536	3896
16	**Tire recycling plan**	10000 tons	Birjand Industrial Town	0.5	137484	1000	1.5	168	-
17	**Production of automatic shutter doors**	15000 Square meters	Special Economic Zone	-	60000	0	6.1	500	750
18	**Industrial lime production**	150000 tons	Qaenat- Darmyan	4	163262	0	20	500	-
19	**stone recycling**	3000 tons	Sarbisheh industrial town	1	145232	0	3	86	-
20	**Production of glass fibers**	7000 tons	Deyhuk Industrial Area - Nehbandan Industrial Town	2	336796	6500	1500	2000	335
21	**Silicon wafer production**	10	Tabas Industrial	10	2418900	50000	84	1152	8200

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	for solar module	million pieces	Town - Sarbisheh – Nehbandan						
22	**Silicon metal production plan**	10000 tons	Nehbandan	10	1296440	32000	84	1152	-
23	**Production of super absorbent powder**	10000 tons	Birjand Special Economic Zone - Nehbandan		564000	0			
24	**Production of nano silica**	5000 tons	Tabas – Nehbandan	4	478220	12000	2.7	768	800
25	**Membrane production plan**	50,000 pieces	Birjand Industrial Town	1.5	692480	0	15	480	-
26	**Ferosilis production plan**	5250 tons	Deyhuk Industrial Area - Nehbandan	4	2624000	0	30	5000	800
27	**Production of pharmaceutical raw materials**	200 tons	Birjand Industrial Town - Ferdows Industrial Town	1	269216	0	10	200	135
28	**Construction of modern stone cutting unit**	115000 tons	Nehbandan Industrial Town - Sarbisheh Industrial Town	1.5	1014600	5000	4.5	240	-
29	**Industrial production of children's clothing**	75,000 pieces	Birjand	1	300000	0			
30	**Construction of pelletizing unit**	1200000 tons	Qaenat	4	8600000	0			
31	**Mineral water production**	2 million bottles	Zirkuh - Bamrud village	2	752000	0			
32	**Coke Metallurgy**	250 tons	Tabas	2	1500000	0			
33	**Graphite electrode**	8000 tons	Tabas	1	333000	0			

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	production								
34	**Production of suture thread**	2000000 pieces	Birjand Special Economic Zone	2500 square meters	342000	0	20	200	250
35	**Detergent and shampoo factory**	3403 tons	Birjand Special Economic Zone	1	616360	0			
36	**Production of sulfuric acid**	60000 tons	Ferdows	1	580000	0			
37	**Production of acrylonitrile**	50000 tons	Ferdows	1	1080000	0			
38	**Single-phase electric motor production**	130,000 pieces	Ferdows	1	135200	0			
39	**Construction plan for waste fabric recycling unit**	5000 tons	Birjand Special Economic Zone	1	200000	0			
40	**Recycling of electronic equipment**	2500 tons	Birjand		134000	0			
41	**Production of power analyzer**	10,000 pieces	Birjand		1280000	0			
42	**Production of hydrated lime**	60000 tons	Qaenat		1260000	3000			
43	**Production of silicon carbide blocks**	20000 tons	Tabas	1.5	800000	0	15	300	-
44	**Production of lead and zinc concentrate**	20000 tons	Boshruyeh Tabas -	1	1700000	0			
45	**Copper ore processing**	828 tons	Nehbandan	1	2369500	0			
46	**Garbage and construction waste recycling factory**	100000 tons	Birjand	1	570266	0			

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47	**fuzz spinning unit**	130 tons	Sarbisheh - Zirkuh	1	820000	0			
48	**Production of refractory bricks**	10000000 pieces	Sarbisheh Industrial Town	2	213000	5000	30	96	-
49	**Production of all kinds of furniture**	60,000 pieces	special economic zone	0.8	424000	0	1	250	25
50	**Production of all kinds of medicine packaging glass**	5000 tons	Birjand Special Economic Zone	1	1239000	0	2	540	200
51	**Lithium battery production**	3000000 pieces	Birjand Special Economic Zone	0.6	465624	0	4	300	200
52	**Bentonite processing**	200 tons	Birjand Special Economic Zone	4900 square meters	1168000	0	1.5	2000	400
53	**Production of all kinds of syringes**	6000000 pieces	Birjand Special Economic Zone	2500 square meters	680000	0	20	250	200
54	**Cable and wire production**	500 tons	special economic zone	1	716000	0	35	1000	4000
55	**Production of car airbags**	400,000 pieces	special economic zone	1	1984000	0	2	540	200
56	**Production of tile glaze**	275000 tons	special economic zone	0.8	968000	3000	40	3000	2000
57	**Production of cosmetic and health Equipment**	53,000 pieces	Birjand Special Economic Zone	2500 square meters	1570000	0	10	250	104
58	**Decorative stone production**	60,000 pieces	special economic zone	5	1137600	0	5	200	30

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					Rial (million rials)	currency (thousand euros)	Water (thousand cubic meters)	Electricity (KW)	gas (thousand cubic meters)
1	**Processing and packaging unit of medicinal herbs and by-products**	1500 tons	Tabas Industrial Town- Sarbisheh - Sarayan	1	645000	0	8	100	120
2	**Pomegranate processing and packaging unit**	6000 tons	Ferdows Industrial Town -Sarayan Industrial Town	2	865000	0	25	600	150
3	**Pistachio and by-products processing unit**	1500 tons	Boshruyeh Industrial Area- Sarayan Industrial Area	2	553000	0	2	100	40
4	**Jujube and by-products processing and packaging unit**	2000 tons	Khusf Industrial Area - Khusf- Birjand Industrial Town	1	935000	0	5	100	7
5	**Construction and operation of production and processing unit of barberry and by-products**	8800 tons	Qaenat- Zirkuh - Sarbisheh -Darmyan Industrial Town	4	6750000	10821	30	800	300
6	**2500 Brood sheep breeding farm**	2500sheep	Nehbandan– Sahl Abad agricultural joint stock company		560000	0	9000	20	
7	**powdered milk production unit**	4000 tons	Special Economic Zone-Birjand Industrial Town - Sarbisheh Industrial Town	2	1820000	0	4	700	20

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					Rial (million rials)	currency (thousand euros)	Water (thousand cubic meters)	Electricity (KW)	gas (thousand cubic meters)
8	**Construction of a 10-hectare greenhouse**	3000 tons	Qaenatcounty Khezri agricultural joint stock company	10	485940	0	180	100	
9	**Production of palm peat from palm tree waste**	2100 tons	Tabas – Nehbandan	1	580000	0			
10	**Cotton seed linters**	4000 tons	Boshruyeh	1	690000	0	18	200	4
11	**Two-circuit cold storage for agricultural products**	10000 tons	Qaenat- Zirkuh - Darmyan	5	1500000	0	20	1200	10
12	**Processing and packing unit for dates and by-products**	1000 tons	Tabas - Nehbandan	1.5	780000	0	4	100	15
13	**Production of herbal syrups and spirits**	1000 tons	Zirkuh- Sarbisheh	-	436960	0			
14	**Dairy products factory**	50000 tons	Zirkuh	-	3250000	0	20	500	
15	**broiler farm and hatchery**	21 million Ostrichs	Boshruyeh- Darmyan	-	810000	0			
16	**Light and heavy livestock supply field**	200 heavy livestock, 1000 light livestock	Boshruyeh- Zirkuh - Sarbisheh - Nehbandan- Tabas	2	380000	0			
17	**Construction of the quail complex**	4000 breeding quails 60,000 meat quails	Darmyan	-	300000	0	1.5		

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					Rial (million rials)	currency (thousand euros)	Water (thousand cubic meters)	Electricity (KW)	gas (thousand cubic meters)
18	**Breeding of Brood genetically modified camels**	1000 camels	Ferdows -Qaenat- Tabas -Nehbandan - Boshruyeh - Khusf	7 hectares	540000	0	14.6	50	5
19	**Construction of a greenhouse complex**	6250	Sarbisheh - Khusf- Nehbandan	25 hectare	2850000	0	450	500	60
20	**Dairy cow complexes**	120 cows	Boshruyeh - Darmyan- Ferdows		375200	0	6.3	30	5
21	**Lamb fattening complexes**	1000 sheep	Nehbandan - Darmyan - Khusf - Tabas		130000	0	2.2	100	
22	**Cultivation of flowers and medicinal and industrial plants in the field**		Khusf - Sarbisheh - Tabas	60	128000	0	2		
23	**Hydroponic barley fodder production, Processing and enrichment for animal feed**	96 thousand tons per year	Birjand county	88095 Square meters	1100000	0	5 liters per second	2 MW	3400
24	**Production of natural food pigments**	150 tons	Birjand Special Economic Zone - Birjand Industrial Town	-	217000	0			
25	**producing knowledge of five medicinal products and food supplements from jujube and barberry fruits**	22,800 pharmaceutical products	Birjand	-	401214	0			

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					Rial (million rials)	currency (thousand euros)	Water (thousand cubic meters)	Electricity (KW)	gas (thousand cubic meters)
26	**Canned olive production unit**	100 tons	Nehbandan	2000 Square meters	1210000	0	5	100	4
27	**Saffron and by-products processing unit**	10 tons	Qaenat -Zirkuh - Sarayan	2	451000	0	10	100	6
28	**Breeding Brood ostriches**	40,000 ostrich chicks	Boshruyeh - Darmyan - Zirkuh	-	424000	0			
29	**300 Brood camels breeding farm**	15 tons of red meat and 100 baby camels	Khusf county- Sar Chah-e Ammari agricultural joint stock company	-	1253000	0	4.3		
30	**Balochi livestock breeding**	1000 livestock	Boshruyeh	-	160000	0			
31	**Essential oil of medicinal plants production**	300 tons	Birjand Special Economic Zone – Khusf -Qaenat	-	358000	0			
32	**Production of veterinary drugs**	6000 tons	Sarbisheh	-	241500	0			
33	**Processing of all types of meat (sausage, sausage)**	10000 tons	Birjand- Khousf Sarbisheh-Darmioyan	2	855000				
34	**packaging and processing of eggs Medicinal honey**	7000 tons	Birjand- Khousf Sarbisheh	1	652000				
35	**production, processing, packaging and export**	30 tons	Qaenat- Khousf	2	520000				

Priority Projects of Tourism and Handicraft Sector

Row	project title	Annual capacity	The proposed location of the project	The amount of investment required		Required infrastructure		
				Rial (million rials)	currency (thousand euros)	Water (thousand cubic meters)	Electricity (KW)	gas (thousand cubic meters)
1	**Construction of a 3-star hotel in Qaenat**	250000 Person/Night	Qaenat	250000	0	-	-	-
2	**Seh Qaleh (Sarayan) astronomy Camp**	50000 Person/Night	Sarayan -Seh Qaleh desert	15500	0	- -	- -	- -
3	**Dare dam tourism region**	50000 Person/Night	Birjand	610000	0	-	-	-
4	**Dig Rostam hydrotherapy complex**	200000 Person/Night	Deyhuk county -Ravez- Dig Rostam road	41000	0	-	-	-
5	**Kavir 4-star hotel**	3000 Person/Night	Birjand	505000	0	-	-	-
6	**Setting up a Collective workshop of canvas weaving**	432000	Boshruyeh and its eligible villages	405000	0	-	-	-
7	**Setting up a Collective workshop of barak weaving (cloth made of camel's hair)**	108000 Square meters	Boshruyeh	60000	0	-	-	-

Priority Projects of Power Sector

Row	project title	Annual capacity	The proposed location of the project	The required area according to the development plan (hectares)	The amount of investment required		Required infrastructure		
					Rial (million rials)	currency (thousand euros)	Water (thousand cubic meters)	Electricity (KW)	gas (thousand cubic meters)
1	**10MW Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant**	10 megawatts	QaenatIndustrial Town -Ferdows Industrial Town - Tabas Industrial Town	15	1423200	2330	-	-	-
2	**Construction of a 50 MW wind power plant**	50 megawatts	Isargaran-e Dasht-e Khoushab-e Sarbisheh agricultural joint stock company-Sarbisheh	100	3600000	0	-	-	-
3	**Construction of biogas plant**	1.5 megawatts	Birjand	3	730000	0	-	-	-

Priority Projects of Knowledge-Based Sector

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					Rial (million rials)	currency (thousand euros)	Water (thousand cubic meters)	Electricity (KW)	gas (thousand cubic meters)
1	**Production of Fuel from recycled polymer materials**	24000 tons	Birjand	1	341569	-	-	-	-
2	**HOCL disinfectant solution production line for hands and fruit and vegetable surfaces**	300000 Liters	Qaenat	0.5	28500		-	-	-
3	**Manufacturing and production of raw materials and parts of replicas and wooden toys**	82450 pieces	Birjand	0.5	63200		-	-	-
4	**Designing and producing a smart pen for detecting body abnormalities using infrared waves (BLA)**	200 pens	Birjand Industrial Town Mud Industrial Area	0.5	68000	-	-	-	-
5	**Creation of tissue culture laboratory unit and production of certified seedlings**	14000 seedlings	Birjand -Qaenat	2	106000	-	-	-	-
6	**Design, localization and production of electronic boards**	1200000 boards	Birjand county	0.5	250000	105	-	-	-