Alpha Osta Ltd.

The main business of Alpha Osta – rendering of stevedoring services for transshipment of mineral fertilizers in Riga Seaport. Presently the terminal's infrastructure includes five berths of the total length 565 meters and depth 13,5 meters, making it possible to accept for processing large-capacity ships like Panamax.

To ensure covered storage of cargoes, the company offers 6 domed warehouses of capacity to 20 000 tons each. The warehouse complex of total capacity 120 000 tons makes it possible to store various types of cargoes separately, efficiently preserving their properties and features.

In 2009 the company cargo turnover reached 2 million tons. The Alpha Osta staff consists of 142 persons, in the sphere of stevedoring services – 119 persons.
15 years ago, when the stevedoring company Alpha Osta operating in the Freeport of Riga has just started its activities, the company president Igor Sokol saw the photo looking very much like the photo on this page in the office of the engineering company in Baltimore (the USA) where it served as an element of interior decoration. He liked what was depicted on the photo and asked what the white balls were for?

Today as you see on the photo, Alpha Osta Terminal and the panorama of the Port of Riga is decorated by six such “balls” – modern, highly-efficient and environmentally-friendly warehouses for storage and transshipment of mineral fertilizers. And all such balls, using the sports terminology – to the numerous customers of the company.

Presently Alpha Osta has the status of one of the largest stevedores in the Baltic region and the sole stevedore in Riga dealing with mineral fertilizers. Geography of the freight traffic controlled by the company covers the majority of the continents, beginning from the suppliers – the factories producing fertilizers in Russia and finishing with the dozens of consumers in Europe, Asia, Northern and Southern America.

Despite the current period of recession in the global economy, the potential gained by the company allows to look into the future with confidence, to make plans and invite new business partners for cooperation. Since Alpha Osta business is mainly oriented at transit of Russian export in the territory of Latvia, the expected entering of Russia into the World Trade Organization is able to provide a new considerable impetus to the development of the Freeport of Riga as one of the most competitive ports in the Baltics.

The high quality of services rendered by Alpha Osta is supported by the certificates in quality management ISO 9001:2000 and OSHAS 1800:2007 in the sphere of stevedoring in bulk freight of the agency Bureau veritas. The customer’s opinion, with many of whom the company has been maintaining the long-term partnership relations, is of high value in the company as well. Alpha Osta regularly participates and supports the international conferences under the authority of FMB, being a member of the International Fertilizing Association.

Igor Sokol