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Nicaragua will pump petroleum



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Oleoductos Premier of Nicaragua, of capital Canadian, is the business that intends to build an oleoducto in Nicaragua, through which would be moving daily around middle million of barrels of petroleum to transport them toward the Coast Oeste of the United States.

The idea of the Canadians is that the petroleum ships pump the petroleum through some buoys that would be located to two miles of the Port of Monkey Point, in the Atlantic South, then they would pass subterranean way to the Port of Maroon, where, since another buoy, would be transported to other ships that would transfer the raw one toward the Coast Oeste of the United States.

Gerald Leroux, vice President of Oleoductos Premier of Nicaragua, that prompt this project, indicated that the investment oscillates among the 500 and 600 million dollars, that includes, besides the construction of the oleoducto, the installation of fibers ópticas, with which intend to negotiate with the National Business of Telecomunicaciones (Enitel) so that this can expand its telephone capacity of lines.

“What it attracted us of Nicaragua is that is the most peaceful country of Centroamérica, in the other countries of Centroamérica there is a great deal of violence, a great deal of abduction, and we are tired to fight with aspects that put in danger the investment”.

It said that they chose Nicaragua “because we consider that is the country of Centroamérica that full the better conditions for the investment, besides, we feel us identified with the Nicaraguans, because is a very friendly people and we feel us motivated to support the development of the country and to attract a new hope as for external direct investments”, it manifested Leroux.

Juan Carlos Rivas, General Manager of the System Intermodal of Global Transportation (SIT Global), explained that the route of construction of the oleoducto will be the same one that will utilize the Railroad Interoceánico that prompts SIT Global, that is to say that will leave from Monkey Point, located in the Atlantic South of the country, until arriving at Maroon, in the West of Nicaragua.

“What we share is a same route, but are two different projects that go as a group because we are going to share the right of way, a same environmental study of impact will be done, that does that go as a group, but are different companies”, it noted Rivas.



The project is comprised of two phases, the first one of construction, where United States contractors companies would come and Canada, for which expects to generate 3,000 employments.

In the second phase, that is that of operation, some 1,000 direct employments would be being generated.

They **EMPHASIZE BENEFITS**

Gerald Leroux, vice President of Oleoductos Premier of Nicaragua, considered that the project of construction of the oleoducto will bring multiple benefits to the country.

-“The first benefit would be that, upon coming an American and Canadian group to invest 600 million dollars to the country, many other inversionistas will lose the fear to invest to Nicaragua and will be able to show to international level that Nicaragua full the conditions for the large investments, then, would change the image of Nicaragua”.

-“Segundo, if thinks that they will move middle million of barrels by this oleoducto, the government and the country will be gaining, because will be collected an imposed by each barrel that themselves crossing, then there will be better incomes, will bring generation of employment”, exposed Leroux.

-Juan Carlos Rivas, of SIT Global, maintained that these inversionistas already they began a campaign for incentivar to other foreign businesses to invest in the country.

-“There are chains of hotels interested in coming to Nicaragua, so that if this project develops, to be installed in Nicaragua”, added Rivas.