

# Land and Real Estate Registration Project in the Kyrgyz Republic

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## Key words:

## SUMMARY

The Kyrgyz Republic is a former Soviet Union State and became independent 1991. Kyrgyzstan is a poor, mountainous country with a predominantly agricultural economy. Cotton, tobacco, wool, and meat are the main agricultural products, although only tobacco and cotton are exported in any quantity. Industrial exports include gold, mercury, uranium, and natural gas and electricity. Kyrgyzstan has been fairly progressive in carrying out market reforms, such as an improved regulatory system and land reform.

The privatisation of land, trade and industrial enterprises and utility services has been an objective of the Kyrgyz Government since 1994. The state agency on registration of rights to immovable property, GosRegister of the Kyrgyz Republic, was established in 1999 with the responsibility for introduction of the new system of registration of immovable property. GosRegister was established by merging the State agency on land engineering, geodesy and cartography, GosCartographia, Giprozem and the urban and regional bureaus of technical inventory.

A World Bank funded "Land and Real Estate Registration Project" is being implemented by the agency GosRegister between 2000 and 2005. The project development objective is:

*"...to support development of markets for land and real estate and the more intensive and effective use of land and real estate through the introduction of a reliable and well-functioning system for registration of rights in immovable property".*

Swedesurvey AB was contracted in 2000 to provide technical assistance to be financed by SIDA, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, as part of the Land and Real Estate Registration Project. Swedesurvey has had technical advisers in the Kyrgyz Republic since that time.

Overall the project is going well, with Gosregister meeting project targets and providing a reliable registration and land management service around the country. Systematic registration in settlements continues to progress well ahead of the plan designed for the project. The real estate market continues also to progress well.