

## NOVATRIS EYEING UP UKRAINIAN MARKET

ODESA. Novartis, a world leader in measures designed to protect plants held a presentation in Odesa Dec. 16. Novartis has operated in Ukraine since 1996 when two chemical firms, Ciba and Sandus, merged. The company develops fertilizers and pesticide and s. It also is a leader in medicine and food industry. (I. Stoliarov, Dec. 16)

## FIFTH MEETING OF STCU FUNDS NEW PROJECTS

KYIV. The Governing Board of the Science and Technology Center In Ukraine concluded its meeting in Kyiv Dec. 16. The STCU is a multilateral non-proliferation and scientific cooperation program which provides peaceful employment opportunities to scientists and engineers in Ukraine who previously worked in the weapons or missile technology sector. The Board approved 33 scientific and technical projects valued at US \$3.6mn, supporting 475 Ukrainian scientists and engineers. Projects will take place at institutes, universities and scientific organizations in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, L'viv and Donetsk. These latest awards bring the total amount funded to date o about US \$18mn, helping to support 2675 highly qualified scientists and engineers. Professor Ostap Hawelshka who has been instrumental in helping to establish the STCU over the last three years is finishing his tenure as Executive Director Jan. 1, 1998. He will be replaced by Economic geologist Leo Owsjacki, also from Canada, who will oversee STCU operations for the next three years.

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