

Foreign Investors in the Advanced Special Economic Zones of the Russian Far East (Summary)

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This paper examines how foreign business are engaged in the Advanced Special Economic Zones, or TOR (Territoriya operezhayushchego razvitiya) in Russia's Far East. We found two distinct patterns how foreign companies are involved in business in TOR; some established a new company in TOR and are directly engaged in their own business there as resident company, while the other, instead of investing in TOR, finances the founder or parent company of a resident enterprise. Our study revealed that the majority of Cypriot companies utilized the indirect pattern of investment (the latter), while all of the Japanese companies used the direct pattern of investment (the former). Additionally, it proved extremely difficult to determine the nationality of an individual foreign investor.

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