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HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE INSTRUMENT MAKING INDUSTRY IN BELARUS

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The history of the instrument-making industry in Belarus has a long and rich history, dating back to the times of the Soviet Union. During the existence of the USSR, Belarusian instrument-making enterprises were actively involved in various sectors of the economy, such as aviation, defence, medical, and others. This involvement helped establish Belarus as a significant player in the manufacturing and development of various types of instruments, contributing to the country's industrial capabilities and technological advancements.

After Belarus gained independence in 1991, the instrument making industry continued to develop and modernize. Currently, Belarusian instrumentation companies like Belsantekhmontazh and Gomselmash Instruments are at the forefront of producing cutting-edge medical devices such as MRI machines and ultrasound equipment, contributing significantly to the healthcare sector both domestically and internationally. Additionally, companies like BelOMO specialize in the manufacturing of high-tech measuring instruments like precision optical equipment used in aerospace applications, showcasing the country's expertise in advanced technology.

The industry's growth has also led to collaborations with global partners, enhancing Belarus' reputation as a hub for innovative instrumentation solutions. JSC Minsk Instrument-Making Plant is renowned for its precision engineering and cutting-edge technologies in the field of instrument-making. The plant's product range includes high-precision pressure gauges, temperature sensors, and industrial automation systems tailored for sectors like automotive and aerospace [1].

JSC Research and Production Association "Pribory" in Minsk has been a key player in the sector for over four decades, boasting cuttingedge technology and a skilled workforce of over 500 engineers and technicians. The company's flagship products include advanced digital multimeters, precision oscilloscopes, and industrial automation systems that are renowned for their accuracy and durability. Aside from its manufacturing prowess, "Pribory" is actively involved in collaborative research projects with leading universities and scientific institutions, driving innovation and pushing the boundaries of instrument technology. With a strong commitment to quality and innovation, JSC Research and Production Association "Pribory" continues to set benchmarks in the field of measuring and control equipment, cementing its reputation as a global leader in the industry.

JSC Lida Electromechanical Plant, founded in 1959, is a leading manufacturer of electronic components in Belarus, serving industries such as telecommunications and automotive. The company's industrial automation devices are known for their precision and reliability, used in various sectors including manufacturing and energy. Moreover, their power equipment, including transformers and switchgear, meets international standards and is exported to countries in Europe and Asia [2].

Belarus has made significant strides in instrument making, notably highlighted by the creation of the first Belarusian computer in 1954, marking a significant milestone in the country's technological advancement. As one of the leading electronics manufacturers globally, Belarus has solidified its position as a key player in the industry, exporting high-quality electronic products to various nations. The year 2021 saw a remarkable achievement with 401 patents registered for ground-breaking inventions in the field of instrumentation, showcasing commitment of Belarus to innovation and technological progress. Furthermore, the establishment of the National Technopark in 2011 has been instrumental in fostering a conducive environment for nurturing startups and driving advancements in instrument engineering, reflecting Belarus' dedication to cultivating a thriving tech ecosystem.

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