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Project summary	Construction of a modern health resort around the water bodies with therapeutic and balneological properties such as Yukhari Istisu, Ashagi Istisu, Geshdak, Garasu, Mozchay, and Gotursu in the Kalbajar region.
Project advantages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High commercial potential; 2. In terms of gas, chemical composition, and high temperature, the waters from these deposits differ greatly from those in other countries; 3. The area encompassing these deposits offers a wide range of tourism opportunities.
Raw material	<p>Yukhari Istisu deposit: 867m³/ day (the health resort was located next to the deposit area)</p> <p>Mozchay: 304.1 m³/ day</p> <p>Qarasu: 2 638.2 m³/ day</p> <p>Tutqun area: 2 123 m³/ day</p> <p>Qoturlu area: 102-148 m³/ day</p>
Purpose of water	Chronic disorders of the gastrointestinal tract, liver, gallbladder, anemia, skin diseases, intake, and inhalation, including such balneological features as taking thermal baths.
Project value	-
Proposed project location	Kalbajar district
State support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project implementation under public-private partnership; 2. External infrastructure support ensured by the state; 3. Preferential loan; 4. Investment promotion certificate.

Note

In the 1950-90s, Azerbaijan excelled by the rapid construction of health resorts. Kalbajar's Istisu health resort became a nationwide center. In the 1970-85's, the number of health resorts in the country surged to 26, while the number of guest rooms reached 12,500.

Whereas the central/northern part of the Kalbajar region contains broad-leaved forests and forest-steppe vegetation, the alpine and sub-alpine meadows cover the region's peak and partly middle-level highlands. The region's forest fund makes up 37852 hectares, while forests cover the area of 31291 hectares. Over 4 thousand plant species grow in these lands, of which 200 species have medicinal qualities.

The water temperature reaches 58.80°C.

the Istisu health resorts No. 1 and 2 enjoyed nationwide recognition, as they provided services for the entire former Soviet Union.

Every year, 50,000 people received treatment and enjoyed recreation there.

Hydrochemical monitoring was carried out to assess the current state of the Geshdak, Ashagi Istisu, Yukhari Istisu, and Zulfugarli thermal mineral water deposits situated in the Kalbajar district. The spread of extensive forest and mountain-meadow landscape around these areas known for their balneological and climatic potential and the presence of natural monuments provide excellent conditions to use them for recreational tourism.

