

18th UGOL ROSSII & MINING on the central square of the “coal capital” Novokuznetsk from 7 to 10 June 2011

Mining industry puts increasing emphasis on safety

This is now the 18th time for UGOL ROSSII & MINING, the most important trade fair in mining technology, continuous and discontinuous extraction and processing, from 7 to 10 June 2011 – a trade fair that meets all the relevant conditions for a positive development.

After a 9% economic downturn in 2009, Russia's coal production showed a clear upward trend again in 2010. During the first nine months of the year output increased by eight per cent. By 2030 the Russian government is planning to expand the sector to twice its current production capacity.

The number one among coal-mining areas is the Kuznetsk Basin which is estimated to have over 733 billion tonnes of coal deposits. Moreover, according to *gtai* (Germany Trade and Invest), the Kuzbass region is right at the top of the Russian Federation in terms of production. Nearly 60 per cent of all coal comes from the oblast' (region) of Kemerovo where 110 mining companies and 35 coal processing companies are based. Five new deposits were developed in 2010, a new processing plant was completed and 1,200 new jobs were created.

It is precisely here, on the central square of the “coal capital” Novokuznetsk that about 500 renowned mining suppliers from 22 countries will be taking part in UGOL ROSSII & MINING (compared with 485 from 20 countries in 2010). In addition to well-known names from the Russian Federation, 150 internationally famous exhibitors will be coming from a range of different countries, including Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, France, the UK, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Japan, South Korea, the USA and China. There will also be joint stands from the federal state of Saarland in Germany, the UK, Poland and the Czech Republic – ideal conditions for cultivating existing customer contacts and developing new market shares in Russia.

One highly topical emphasis at the moment is the issue of health and safety. Innovative technologies and know-how are more in demand than ever before. The Russian government has stepped up its health and safety stipulations, and nearly all companies are investing in the expansion of their capacities. In the Kuznetsk Basin alone companies are planning to invest double-digit millions in health & safety in the near future. Under the planned

development activities this total is set to rise considerably over the next few years.

UGOL ROSSII & MINING 2011 will include a special show entitled "Safety & Security", where some 80 companies will be demonstrating personal protection equipment as well as systems and machinery for the early identification of explosive gases and the defence against such hazards.

German companies in Russia are optimistic about the future again. This is borne out by the latest economic climate poll taken by the German-Russian Chamber of Commerce (AHK) and the German Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations (over 130 companies). Nearly two thirds of companies in the survey are beginning to see a tangible recovery of the Russian economy. A year ago, this view was only taken by twelve per cent. 87 per cent are confident of a further economic upturn in 2011, while none of the companies believe in a return of the crisis in Russia.

As before, UGOL ROSSII & MINING 2011 is above all one thing: it is THE attractive and comprehensive B2B event for all experts in the industry.

Further details on UGOL ROSSII & MINING are available at www.ugol-mining.com and from Messe Düsseldorf: Cem Bagci, BagciC@messe-duesseldorf.de, (Tel.: +49(0)211 45 60-7705) and Patricia Wiemann, WiemannP@messe-duesseldorf.de, (Tel.: +49(0)211 4560-7746).

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