



Minex Central Asia 2010 – forum report

The Inaugural Central Asian Mining & Exploration Forum Minex Central Asia 2010 was held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan on 16-18 March. The forum addressed the issues and challenges for mining efficiency, innovation and sustainable development in Kazakhstan and Central Asia. The Government and the Mining Industry of Kazakhstan embraced the forum's initiative and the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Mr Karim Massimov took part in the opening session on 17 March.



The forum is initiated by an international non-commercial Minex (Mining and Exploration) partnership and steered by the Technical and Organising Committees. Minex Technical Committee which is responsible for agenda development is represented by 20 senior mining executives, geological committee representatives and mining consultants. The committee is chaired by SRK Consulting. The Organising Committee which is responsible for all organisational matters is steered by Advantix Ltd (Business Events and Communications Agency) and Kazakh British Chamber of Commerce.

The forum can be described as a post-crisis mining and exploration event for Central Asian Mining Industry. The forum's main objective was to highlight current state and midterm perspectives for mining and exploration in Kazakhstan and Central Asian states recovering from the effects of the global economic crisis. According to the feedback received from the forum participants Minex Central Asia has become a significant international business, know-how and investment platform for Kazakhstan and Central Asia.

The three day agenda of the pre-forum master classes and the main forum featured over 60 speaker presentations of the leading mining companies, the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of Kazakhstan, the National Welfare Fund “Samruk Kazyna”, The state geological and subsoil use Committee of Kazakhstan, international investment banks, Stock Exchanges, Mining and Financial consulting firms, etc. Despite turbulent weather conditions the forum brought together over 400 delegates from 150 companies and foreign missions from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Japan, China, Russia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA, Canada, Australia, Germany, France, Switzerland, Belgium, India and the Netherland.



Twenty five mining, engineering, technological and consulting companies exhibited at the Minex Expo organised during the two main days of the forum, facilitating know-how exchange and business networking.

The forum proceedings were widely covered by 35 national and international TV and printed media.

Full Minex report will be published digitally on-line on 12 April 2010. The report will include presentation slides and materials, video recordings of the master class and forum sessions, photos, media materials published after the forum and finalised list of participants.

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