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**On June 16-17, 2022, in order to get acquainted with the work carried out in units of Northern mining administration of “Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Company” Joint-Stock Company, a press tour and a press conference were held for media representatives and journalists.**

Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Company plays an important role in the economy of Uzbekistan. Noted that in 2021 the share of “NMMC” JSC in production of industrial products of the republic exceeded **13%**, total share of revenues to the state budget about **20%**, the company took **5th place** in the ranking of world gold producing companies.

According to the State Assets Management Agency, in 2021 the company became the enterprise with the highest net profit and the highest paid dividends for the state share in the republic, as well as according to the forecast of the share of the largest taxpayers in the State Budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2022, announced by the Ministry of Finance, the share “NMMC” JSC will be **20.2%**.

Media representatives and journalists visited **Hydrometallurgical plant-3, the Eastern mine, Department of motor transport** of “NMMC” JSC, located in Uchkuduk district, got acquainted in detail with the production processes and ongoing projects, and talked with employees.

Today, Northern mining administration is one of the largest units of the company, which employs more than **8 thousand** people, including about **2.5 thousand** young people and more than **1.1 thousand** women.

The introduction of rationalization proposals of employees into production processes plays an important role in the units of mining administration. In particular, the economic effect of **44** rationalization proposals introduced into production processes in 2021-2022 amounted to **34 billion soums**.

Hydrometallurgical plant-3 is the first largest industrial enterprise in the mining and metallurgical industry, built and put into operation in the first years of independence of Uzbekistan. As a result of scientific research conducted by the specialists of the company together with scientists, in 2017, for the first time in the history of the mining and metallurgical industry of Uzbekistan, NMMC’s specialists were awarded the Gold medal of the United Nations World Intellectual Property Organization for the development and implementation of the “Method of extracting gold from refractory sulfide gold-arsenic ores”. In 2019, a new filtration, drying and roasting complex was put into operation, designed to process the tailings of the plant. The specialists of NMMC and Engineering Dobersek GmbH received an international German patent for the equipment used in the new technological process. The new project made it possible to increase the completeness of the use of natural resources and reduce the cost of production, while the amount of gold losses with production waste

was halved. In general, in comparison with the year when the plant was launched, the annual productivity of the ore processing enterprise increased by more than **6 times**, the production of gold in semi-finished products increased by **5 times**. To date, Hydrometallurgical plant-3 processes more than **8 million tons** of gold ore per year, mined at the Kokpatas and Daugiztau mines.

The Eastern quarry is one of the first quarries in the history of independent Uzbekistan. The quarry produces **4 million tons** of sulfide ore per year. The mined ore is processed at Hydrometallurgical plant-3. In order to ensure the stable operation of mining equipment used in the extraction of ore at the Eastern quarry, to increase production indicators, the installation of video surveillance devices on excavators made it possible to constantly monitor the operation of the equipment. Currently, more than **1.1 thousand** people work at the quarry.

Department of motor transport of Northern mining administration has more than 200 units of modern mining equipment and vehicles, such as Caterpillar, Komatsu, BelAZ, MAN, MAZ. In recent years, the fleet of department equipment has been replenished with modern dump trucks. In 2020, a training class was put into operation, designed for training and retraining of personnel working in department of motor transport. The department also launched a simulator to improve the skills of Komatsu dump truck drivers. On this simulator, drivers not only gain practical experience, but also master the capabilities of modern mining equipment.

Heads and specialists of Northern mining administration, the mine and the plant answered the questions of the media representatives and journalists in detail at a press conference held at Hydrometallurgical plant-3.

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