



Norilsk Nickel focuses on the rehabilitation of all land affected by construction, mining and emissions caused by its operations, and carries out regular audits of plant and mine closure plans

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We recognize that:

- Metals and mining production disturbs large areas of land which must be restored.
- The Company must plan for the restoration of land and the closure of assets and reserve sufficient funds.
- Asset closure and land restoration measures should minimize the negative impact from production and provide potential benefits from the subsequent use of restored land.
- Closure planning should be conducted with the participation of stakeholders.
- Closure measures should be reviewed regularly and updated as further information becomes available.
- Land strategy is an integral part of our Holistic Environmental Strategy and part of our 'license to operate'.

Norilsk Nickel's targets:

- Develop a rehabilitation program for land affected by construction, mining and emissions caused by operations.
- Key next steps: audit asset closure plans related to Tier-1 assets.
- Follow recommendations of the Great Norilsk Expedition on soil recovery.
- Continue waste collection and land reclamation in the Norilsk area.
- Continue land rehabilitation activities, including outside of our operational sites.

Land reclamation in the Norilsk area

In the next decade, Norilsk Nickel plans to complete the clean-up of the territory and land reclamation in Norilsk area.

To achieve this goal Norilsk Nickel is committed to:

- Establishing a new specialized unit for cleaning and subsequent land rehabilitation;
- Acquiring specialized equipment to assist with the clean-up.

Norilsk Nickel consistently ensures transparency of its land rehabilitation program. Our rehabilitation activities are presented in the annual Sustainability report [page 271](#).

Performance in Land management

We traditionally take part in urban greening projects in Norilsk, Dudinka, Monchegorsk, Zapolyarny and Nickel. Together with local authorities and volunteers, we launched a disturbed area reclamation program to clean up and improve public spaces and areas around motorways, protect water bodies and water reserves, and revamp tourist camping sites.

In 2003, Kola MMC started implementing land rehabilitation initiatives in line with recommendations for nature reserves. Since then, the Company has planted over 1 million trees and bushes over an area of about 100 hectares, including as part of a pilot project run jointly with Kola Science Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The project seeks to restore damaged land adjacent to our production site in Monchegorsk.

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Great Norilsk Expedition

Norilsk Nickel has launched the Great Norilsk Expedition. The project brings together experts from 14 research institutes of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Experts will conduct a comprehensive study of the Taimyr Peninsula ecosystems and provide recommendations for development of the best sustainable practices for industrial companies in the Arctic region. Specialists in terrestrial ecosystems have finished collecting samples from the field studies stage and will conduct further laboratory studies. Experts in terrestrial ecosystems crossed over 1,000 km from the Bezymyanny Stream to the Kara Sea and explored surface sediments and sub-surface deposits. The sampling was conducted in line with national standards. In cases where no national standard were available, the scientists relied on recommendations of a relevant equipment manufacturer. The final report is expected till the end of 2020.

Fuel spill cleanup

The Company is committed to rectifying the impact of the fuel spill incident in Norilsk. Regular status updates are available at the [Clean-up Progress Update on the Accident](#).