



Kola MMC is completing a large investment project to address environmental issues in the Pechengsky District of the Murmansk Region. A new processing facility was commissioned at the Concentrator in Zapolyarny to separate copper-nickel concentrate into low-grade and high-grade products.

At the new section, the high-grade concentrate undergoes briquetting and is then directed to the smelting shop to produce converter matte. After the closure of the Company's smelting facilities in the town of Nickel, which is scheduled for January 2021, all products from the Concentrator will be shipped directly to customers. To enable this, the Company is building a state-of-the-art concentrate shipment unit.

"This project will help Nornickel deliver on its commitment to reduce environmental footprint," said Maxim Ryabushkin, Chief Engineer at Kola MMC. "We have completed construction, installation and pre-commissioning activities and are now at the stage of pilot testing. We are also planning to launch another concentrate shipment facility until the end of 2020 to fully discontinue sulphur dioxide emissions in Nickel."

The concentrate will be shipped in various types of containers, including sea containers, gondola cars and other freight cars. The shipment unit features a great amount of automation as cars and containers will be filled with concentrate and weighed with no human involvement.

Nornickel's investment in the construction of the new facility for concentrate separation and shipment at the Kola MMC concentrator stands at around RUB 6 bn.

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