



Nornickel has won the Active Environmental Policy award from the Ministry of Natural Resources. The award ceremony was part of the ECOTECH 2017 exhibition and forum that came as the final event of the Year of Ecology in Russia.

Elena Bezdenezhnykh, the Company's Vice President, spoke at the forum about the results Nornickel achieved in this area in 2017 and the plans to cooperate with the government to resolve environmental issues as part of a public-private partnership.

She noted that the Company's reinforced environmental focus went beyond the Year of Ecology as far back as 2013. "We adopted a new strategy geared towards replacement of fixed assets along with a major upgrade and reconfiguration of production facilities, and set the stage for further expansion and implementation of large-scale environmental initiatives. Last year, we shut down Nickel Plant cutting harmful emissions by a third," said the Vice President.

She mentioned that under the Year of Ecology agreement between Nornickel and the government, the Company implemented three initiatives by launching the Sulphur Project in the Polar Division, commissioning sulphite/bisulphite solution units, and reconstructing the off-gasses removal system at Kola MMC. "These projects will significantly improve the country's environment, and Nornickel will carry on the Year of Ecology based on the successful cooperation between the business and the government," said Elena Bezdenezhnykh.

The Company's Vice President also spoke about other large-scale environmental activities: support to nature reserves located near production sites, volunteering, and environmental campaigns that Nornickel carries out in cooperation with other Russian and international organisations on a regular basis.

On top of that, Konstantin Mashkovich, Head of the Environment Department, presented a report on the Company's environmental activities undertaken as part of the UN Global Compact Principles implementation. He also noted that Nornickel's strategic goals go closely hand-in-hand with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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