Rostec has won the auction for the development of Tomtor

The joint company of the State Corporation Rostec and the EAST Group, Triarkmining, has won an auction for the right to use the subsoil of the Tomtor mine for exploration and extraction of minerals of niobium, rare earths, scandium and its components associated metals. To 2017, Rostec intends to ensure the need for the Russian industry in rare earth metals.

The Triarkmining company has won the competition for the processing of the Burannyi section of the Tomtor mine of rare earth metals.

The beginning of the development of large deposits of rare earth metals is an important step for the development of high-tech industry. Thanks to the implementation of the program, it will be created a complete cycle of the production of rare earth metals in Russia, from the extraction of raw materials to the manufacture of final products, without which, today, it is hard to imagine the high-tech sector.

According to the General Director of the State Corporation, Sergey Chemezov, Rostec is the main consumer of rare earth metals in Russia.

“In terms of market fluctuations and changes in the political environment, the technological independence and independence of resources of the Russian industry of rare earth metals is one of our top priorities. By 2020, we must not only fully meet our growing needs, but we must also start to export this important strategic raw material,” said the head of Rostec.

The organizer of the auction, announced in March 2014, has been the Federal Agency of the Russian Subsoil Use. Because of the auction, the winner was the subsidiary company of Triarkmining: Vostok Ingineering as a participant that fulfilled the conditions and had done the maximum price bid.

After the registration of the State License, Triarkmining, it will be able to start working in the mine. According to the established graphic, the exploration works are planned to finish within a year and half to five years, and the construction of the infrastructure, within eight years. The mining and processing complex should begin to work at full capacity in ten years.

“The development of the Tomtor mine, one of the largest in the world, will allow creating a new industry in Russia,” said Andrey Korobov, general manager of RT-Global Resources, participating in the joint venture with the Group EAST from the Rostec part.

Andrey Korobov said that RT-Global Resources company has all necessary for the realization of this ambitious project and it is expected the support and close collaboration from the Government of Yakutia in this question.
Previously, Rostec had won tenders of the Ministry of Industry and Trade for the development and research of extraction of rare earth metals until 2020.

The program, developed by the Ministry of Industry and Trade, by 2020, will allow renouncing the import of rare earth metals. Currently, Russia represents only a 2% of the global extraction of rare earth metals. In the development of the industry will be invested 145 billion rubles, including 23 billion rubles from the budget. According to the existing plans for 2020, it is expected to reach a level of sales of products based on rare earth metals about 50 billion rubles.

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Rostec is the main consumer of rare earth metals in Russia, and the holdings, which need them most, are Navigator and Shvabe.

The joint venture of the holding RT-Global Resources of Rostec with the EAST Group was founded in 2013. Previously, the joint venture had won the auction of the Sverdlovsk region Government for a purchase of 82 thousand tons of concentrate from monazite stored in warehouses of the company Uralmonacit in the region of Krasnoufimsk. The processing of monazite concentrate will launch the technology of production of rare earth metals and will serve as the initial stage of creation of the company based on the deposits of rare earth metals. In these projects, the joint venture intends to invest up to 1 billion dollar.

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