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## Environmental Safety at Kazatomprom

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## Environmental Protection – main priority

- Kazatomprom's Environment Protection politics
  - Rational usage of natural resources
  - Environmental risks minimization
  - Prevention of industrial, environmental, radiation and nuclear accidents
  - Compliance with the legal requirements



## ISR method benefits

Kazatomprom produces natural uranium using the in-situ leaching (ISR) method.

### ISR method advantages

- Absence ore dust
- Reduction of construction time
- Minimum production cost
- Minimal radioactive exposure
- Lesser threat to health and security
- Minimal environmental impact



## **Environmental impact**

Kazatomprom is not among the 50 major polluters in Kazakhstan. The contribution to national emissions, waste and greenhouse gas emissions is insignificant.

\* according to the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated April 1, 2022 (No. 187) KAZATOMPROM 2 400 000 1845 Pollutant emissions tons tons 1 000 000 2 206 Discharges of pollutants tons tons 735 700 000 994 869 Wastes tons tons 350 000 000 97 200 Greenhouse gas emissions tons tons

## Decarbonization

Kazakhstan has committed to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060

- The Strategy for achieving carbon neutrality of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2060 has been approved
- The concept of low-carbon development of Samruk-Kazyna JSC was approved
- In November 2022, the Board of Directors approved the Strategy for decarbonization and achieving carbon neutrality of NAC Kazatomprom JSC until 2060.









## **ESAP** Plan implementation

#### ESAP Roadmap

- In 2018, the Roadmap for the implementation of the Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP) was developed and approved by the KAP Board of Directors;
- The purpose of this Plan is to bring the existing labor, environmental and social protection system into compliance with international best industry practices, the standards of an international financial corporation and the legislation of OECD countries\*;
- The main thematic areas of the ESAP Plan: corporate sphere, ecology and monitoring, social sphere, planning for the end of the life cycle of enterprises (closing/liquidation), industrial waste management, labor protection.

ESAP implementation steps (2018 - 2023):

- Trained specialists in the best practices;
- Developed internal procedures and documents that corresponds to the best international practices;
- Conducted environmental and social studies of the impact of production activities on the environment and local population;
- These results will allow us to continue work in minimization of negative impact on the environment and will contribute to the implementation of the decarbonization project.

#### Project costs

- Estimated costs 8,5 mln USD;
- Since the beginning 2,04 mln USD

#### Project monitoring

- The indicators of ESAP execution are in the KPI of subsidiary companies management;
- Quarterly report on the progress to the HSE Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.





ICCMM International Council on Mining & Metals





## **Corporate Programs**

ESAP Environmental and Social Action Plan – Complex program of measures in the environmental and social spheres of Kazatomprom (2018 – 2023)

Completion of work in 2023, audit





## Animal and Bird Protection Program

In 2022, the Program for the protection of birds from the effects of power lines was approved at the enterprises of NAC Kazatomprom JSC, R&D was approved by SK Fund

- The program is aimed at preserving ornithological biodiversity in areas adjacent to Kazatomprom enterprises.
- As part of the implementation of the ESAP Plan, in the territories adjacent to the uranium mining enterprises of NAC Kazatomprom JSC, birds listed in the Red Data Book of Kazakhstan (Eastern Imperial Eagle, Short-toed snake eagle, Dalmatian Pelican, and Glossy Ibis) were identified.
- The sections of overhead power lines served by the subsidiaries and affiliates are not equipped with special bird protection devices (BPD).

Implementation of the Bird Protection Program in 2023

- Carrying out ornithological research at industrial sites of subsidiaries and affiliates that have power transmission lines;
- Development of measures to ensure ornithological safety of power grid facilities and related electrical installations;

#### Implementation of the Project "MAL JAN AMAN"

In order to ensure the safety of pets and increase their visibility at night, in order to prevent collisions with vehicles, reflective collars were provided to owners of large livestock and farms located near Kazatomprom's technological roads.





## Sustainable Development and ESG

#### Assignment of the first independent ESG rating

On December 20, 2022, NAC Kazatomprom JSC was assigned the first independent ESG rating from the leading international rating agency S&P Global Ratings. Kazatomprom has scored 51 points.



#### Kazatomprom joined the UN Global Compact

On March 15, 2022, NAC Kazatomprom JSC officially joined the UN Global Compact. Participation in the UN Global Compact is one of the key indicators of Kazatomprom's commitment to the principles of sustainable development, climate agenda and decarbonization issues.

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#### Advances in Non-Financial Disclosure

Kazatomprom integrated annual report for 2021:

- was prepared in accordance with GRI "core option" standards, thus achieving independent certification of 100% of the indicators;
- received the Platinum (highest) MarCom Awards in the category "Annual reporting in the field of corporate social responsibility";
- received the highest rating 5 stars in the RAEX annual reports rating;
- took 1st place and became the leader in the "Best ESG Information Disclosure" rating according to PriceWaterhouseCoopers.





## Investment project

Since 2020, Kazatomprom has been implementing an investment project to create a refining production facility with a capacity of 6,000 tU per year.

"Building 600. Reconstruction. Refining production of uranium oxide-oxide with a capacity of 6000 tons of U per year. JSC "UMP" Northern site."

#### Project goals

- Creation of uranium refining production using Cameco technology with the final product of nuclear-grade U3O8.
- Improving the environmental situation in the region by eliminating the discharge of liquid radioactive waste and reducing the consumption of hazardous chemicals during the processing of natural uranium concentrate.

#### Project benefits

Environmental impact on UMP and Eastern Kazakhstan:

- Reduction of the consumption of chemical reagents by ~ 270 thousand tons (excluding 7000 tons/year of ammonia water and reducing the consumption of nitric acid from 8000 tons to 1500 tons/year);
- Reduction of liquid radioactive waste by ~ 880 thousand m3 (or 44 thousand m3 per year);
- Reduction of solid radioactive waste by ~ 140 tons (from 27 to 20 tons per year).

New NFC product

The construction of a refining production facility using Cameco technology will allow us to expand our product line - production of both U3O8 and UO3

#### New NFC step – Conversion

Subject to favorable market conditions, the development of refining production may lay the groundwork for the emergence of a new phase of the nuclear fuel cycle in the Republic of Kazakhstan: conversion production using Cameco technology (UF6).



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