Russian Ecology Minister Tours Mechel’s Chelyabinsk Facilities

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CHELYABINSK, Nov. 16, 2018 - Mechel PAO (MOEX: MTLR, NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, reports that Russia’s Natural Resources and Ecology Minister Dmitry Kobylkin and Chelyabinsk Region’s Governor Boris Dubrovsky paid a working visit to the Group’s Chelyabinsk production site. They toured facilities due for an upgrade as part of the company’s environment protection program.

The delegation also included the minister’s First Deputy Denis Khramov, Federal Supervisory Natural Resources Management Service (Rosprirodnadzor)’s Chief Amirkhan Amirkhanov, the State Duma’s environment protection committee’s Chairman Vladimir Burmatov, the committee’s First Deputy Chairman Nikolai Valuyev, chief of Rosprirodnadzor’s Chelyabinsk department Vitaly Kuryatnikov and other regional state officials. Chairman of Mechel PAO’s Board of Directors Igor Zyuzin and Mechel PAO’s Chief Executive Officer Oleg Korzhov hosted the delegation.

During the visit to Mechel-Coke, the delegation toured the facilities that are now being upgraded — the coke-pitch block #4, the by-product recovery plant #1’s benzene department and the coke battery #7. This technical upgrade will enable the plant to reduce waste emission during coke production. Mechel Group’s investment into the plant’s upgrade since 2006 totaled 4.9 billion rubles, including 1.3 billion invested in environment protection measures.

The tour also included a major production facility at Mechel-Materials, the grinding-mixing complex. It produces mineral additives to lend durability to construction mixes, asphalt and concrete. The complex primarily uses Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant’s blast-furnace slag, processing about 5 million tonnes of slag annually. This technology enables to plant to further process waste from steel production and make it more ecologically friendly.

The delegation also inspected waste treatment facilities at Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant’s universal rolling mill. The workshop producing rails and beams is equipped with a modern complex of dust collector systems and a closed waste water recycling system. The plant’s officials detailed the plant’s upgrade program, in which Mechel Group invested a total of over 70 billion rubles since the plant has joined the group, including 5 billion invested in environment protection measures.

“We have toured Mechel’s production facilities. Certainly, the company has extensive plans for implementing environment protection technologies, and some facilities have already been built and launched. You know, we have 12 cities listed as those that need their environment situation improved, which is linked primarily to waste emissions. This work is in store for us. I must say that businesses, including Mechel, understand their responsibilities. No one is trying to stay away and claim they have no opportunity to do this,” Russia’s Natural Resources and Ecology Minister Dmitry Kobylkin noted.

“Today Mechel is implementing major projects aimed at minimizing our impact on the environment in Chelyabinsk Region. Our company is the first to have launched an independent ecological audit whose results will be presented for public discussion and then added to our upgrade program. We are fully open for cooperation and interaction where ecological projects are concerned,” Mechel PAO’s Chief Executive Officer Oleg Korzhov said.

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