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Welcome from the Head of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

Dear investors,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), the largest region in the Russian Federation and one of its fastest-growing regions, which is also the most attractive to investors in the Far Eastern Federal District.

The republic offers unique investment opportunities thanks to its rich reserves of natural resources, social and demographic stability, its highly educated young workforce and economically active population, as well as its status as an economic leader in the Far Eastern Federal District.

For over 20 years, we have been proactively developing the republic's regional, international and foreign trade relations. Yakutia is a North-Eastern Asian region and positions itself as a region close to Asian countries (Yakutia - North-Eastern Asian Region. Yakutia - NEAR). Therefore, Yakutia is truly a strategic outpost for Russia in the Asia-Pacific.

The Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) has developed a reasonable long-term development policy. Since 2006, the Plan for Integrated Development of the Production Forces, Transportation and the Power Industry of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) for the period up until 2020 has been successfully implemented. In 2014, the republic was one of the first Russian regions to approve its own Investment Strategy until 2016 along with key areas for development through to 2030.

The laws and regulations of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) guarantee favourable treatment for our potential partners. We have been gradually expanding our infrastructure to stimulate investment. The Investment Development Agency of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), the Republican Investment Company, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) Development Corporation, Yakutia Venture Company, technological parks and business incubators, which have proven to be very successful, operate in the region. Through these institutions for development, we undertake projects of any degree of complexity in various areas.

In 2011, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) was one of the first constituent regions of the Russian Federation to receive an investment rating from international rating agencies. International rating agencies Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor’s have confirmed the republic’s positive long-term rating with a stable outlook. The rating outlooks were adjusted given the adverse conditions in global foreign trade and the geopolitical environment.

Small and medium-sized businesses play an important and, most of the time, a critical role in achieving the economic and social objectives often faced by transitional economies. This is why the republic has declared 2015 to be the “Year of Entrepreneurship”.

The republic is among the first “non-pilot” constituents of the Russian Federation, which voluntarily joined in the implementation of a standard for executive agencies’ efforts to guarantee a favourable regional investment climate.

A multilingual investment portal at www.investyakutia.com contains information about all municipal and republic-level investment and public-private partnership projects. Investor relations management based on a “one-stop-shop” basis enables us to substantially simplify the mechanisms for centralised registration of initial permits while also reducing administrative barriers to the implementation of investment projects.

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) offers a favourable environment for the successful operation of Russian and foreign investors.

Stimulating investment and creating a favourable investment climate will always be a priority of the government’s economic policy in the republic. For my part, I guarantee openness and honesty, as well as a legitimate system of business protection in our region. You can always contact me directly to ensure prompt settlement of issues that may arise during investment processes.

We are open to productive cooperation and are ready to do everything in our power to make sure it is easy for you to do business in our unique region. We look forward to seeing you among our business partners.

Sincerely yours,

Egor Borisov

Head of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
Dear friends!

Welcome to the Investor’s Guide to the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). This region is a leader in terms of its growth dynamics and investment appeal in Russia.

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is the largest region in Russia with vast reserves of natural resources, as well as a centre of the Russian mining industry. Its unique geographical location and enormous territory (around 20% of Russia’s territory) coupled with a high density of natural resources make the region attractive in terms of its potential for development.

The leading areas of the resource industry in Yakutia are the diamond mining and oil producing sectors. The reserves of these resources in the region are truly astounding and only a fraction of them has been proved so far.

The major accomplishments of the region’s agricultural sector in the harsh conditions of the Russian Far North should not go unmentioned. Nonetheless, further progress is critical for successful development of the region.

Another strong area for the region is the infrastructure developed for small and medium businesses (SMEs), as well as a well-defined regional development strategy prepared by the Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). The Government’s efforts in this area have already yielded some results. For instance, on 28 April 2015, a project for the development of a priority development territory (PDT), Industrial Park Kangalassy, was approved. To date, 13 investors have already become residents of this industrial park.

The region puts a lot of focus on the development of business infrastructure. To this end, a whole set of measures have been undertaken, including efforts to build excellent, state-of-the-art exhibition facilities.

This publication contains an overview of the most promising areas for investment. We are confident that it will prove useful for investors wishing to contribute to Yakutia’s development.

Igor Lotakov
Managing Partner PwC Russia
The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) occupies the northeastern part of the Eurasian continent and is the vastest region in the Russian Federation.

**General information**

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is a constituent region of Russia, which has unrivalled natural and territorial conditions. It is a region that has amassed unique experience in farming under extreme northern climatic conditions and was the first to use technologies for constructing buildings on permafrost.

Yakutia is a region with one of the highest numbers of rivers (700,000 rivers) and lakes (over 800,000 lakes) in Russia. The total length of all of its rivers comes to 2 million km, while its hydropower potential is estimated at around 700 billion kW.

Yakutia is one of the rare places in the world, where pristine nature and remarkable diversity of the flora and fauna have remained untouched. Today, the global scientific community acknowledges that Yakutia’s nature is a unique asset for humanity and can be future biosphere reserve of the Earth. The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) accounts for over 30% of the wildlife in Russia and over 10% – globally. Over 90% of Yakutia’s territory is unaffected or faintly affected by industrialisation and possesses ecosystems with undisturbed natural processes.

**Brief overview**

Total area

The total area of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is 3,084,000 sq km, which accounts for one fifth of the overall area of Russia.

Climate

The harsh continental climate of the region means a prolonged winter and a short summer season.

Population

According to the Russian Federal State Statistics Service, the population of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) was 956,900 people as of 1 January 2015. Population density is 0.31 people per sq km. The urban population accounts for 65.3% of the total population (624,700 people).

**GRP**

At the end of 2014, Yakutia’s GRP was estimated at RUB 641.5 billion, which was a 2.5% increase against the previous year. GRP per capita, which shows the total volume of goods and services produced in the republic per resident, came to RUB 642,900 in 2014.

The capital of the Republic of the Sakha (Yakutia) is Yakutsk.

Yakutsk is the third biggest city in the Far Eastern Federal District in terms of population (after Vladivostok and Khabarovsk). As of 1 January 2015, its population was 315,951 people. The city is located on the left bank of the Lena River. The city’s area comes to 122 sq km.
Key competitive advantages of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

- A unique geographical location in relation to the Asia-Pacific;
- Significant resource potential, most notably in the diamond mining and oil producing industries;
- Stable economic growth and a strong position among Russian regions;
- A well-defined regional development strategy;
- Developed infrastructure for small and medium businesses;
- Significant investment potential and favourable investment climate;
- High scientific potential and high levels of social and economic development.

Quotes from successful investors

““The Yakut land is rich not only in its variety of minerals, but also its outstanding human potential. All of this combined makes up two thirds of the components required for successful business”. “The investment opportunities in Yakutia are unlimited thanks to resource availability and the vastness of the territory. We sincerely hope that our experience with successful investment will serve as a good example for other international businesses.””

Kim Han Ki, General Manager, LG International Yakutsk

“In terms of our performance indicators, investment volumes and other criteria, we rank among the leaders of the republic’s businesses. […] and this is only the beginning”.

A.A. Ogly, Deputy General Director, Surgutneftegaz

Key areas of economic development in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

- **Subsurface geological exploration**, i.e. prospecting and exploration of precious, non-ferrous, rare and ferrous metals, diamonds, underground waters, sepiolite clays and common commercial minerals;
- **Development of the real sector of the economy**, including oil and gas production, coal, rough diamonds and gold mining, and the diamond cutting and jewellery industry, as well as improving the timber industry and developing construction materials production;
- **Finding solutions to develop the agricultural sector**, including improvements to the agricultural and related sectors as a priority area for Yakutia’s economic development;
- **Creating a reliable transportation system**, which will ensure uninterrupted air, water, overland and railway services;
- **Ensuring the region’s energy security through developing the energy industry**;
- **Creating conditions for the open development of entrepreneurship and tourism based on an integrated approach to supporting small and medium-sized businesses** and the tourist industry through special state support measures in 2015, which is proclaimed as the “Year of Entrepreneurship” in Yakutia;
- **Ensuring the fast and focused development of science and innovation**, as well as expanding the region’s scientific and technical potential.
Economic potential

At the end of 2014, Yakutia’s GRP was estimated at RUB 614.5 billion with a 2.5% increase against the previous year.

GRP per capita, which shows the total volume of goods and services produced in the republic per resident, came to RUB 642,900 in 2014.

In terms of foreign trade volume, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) ranks third among the constituent regions of the Far Eastern Federal District (accounting for 12.2% of the value of foreign trade in the Far Eastern Federal District).

The foreign trade of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) has a distinct export-oriented structure. Furthermore, there has been continuous trend toward export growth. The region’s balance of foreign trade is also consistently positive.

Foreign trade turnover reached USD 5,104.0 million in 2014, which is USD 212.8 million higher than in 2013 (a 4.4% increase). Exports increased by USD 317.6 million (a 6.7% increase), while imports decreased by USD 104.8 million (by 2.5 times) and came to USD 69.1 million.

As of the end of 2014, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) had foreign trade contacts with over 50 countries, 25 of which are Yakutia’s import partners. Non-CIS countries remain the main trading partners of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).

The following groups of countries account for the biggest volume of Yakutia’s foreign trade turnover:
- OECD – USD 3,588.3 billion, or 70.3% of the value of foreign trade, which is a 5.1% increase compared to 2013;
- EU – USD 2,738.3 billion, or 53.6% of the value of foreign trade, which is a 5.2% increase compared to 2013;
- APEC – USD 925.0 million, or 18.1% of the value of foreign trade, which is a 2.9% increase compared to 2013.

Precious stones and metals, articles made from them, and mineral coal account for the largest share of Yakutia’s export commodity structure. Vehicles, machinery, meat and edible by-products, airplanes and their parts, rubber resins, rubbers and articles made from them have the greatest share in the region’s import commodity structure.

Value of foreign trade in 2010-2014 (USD million)

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Belgium – USD 2.7118 billion, or 53.1% of the trade turnover; a 5% value increase, or USD 128.3 million higher than in 2013.

India – USD 690.6 million, or 13.5% of trade turnover; a 2.2% value decrease, or USD 15.3 million lower than in 2013.

Israel – USD 572.4 million, or 11.2% of trade turnover value; a 14.1% value increase, or USD 70.6 million higher than in 2013.

China – USD 524.6 million, or 10.3% of trade turnover value; a 1.6% value decrease, or USD 8.6 million lower than in 2013.

Japan – USD 146.8 million, or 2.9% of trade turnover value; a 49.1% value increase, or USD 48.3 million higher than in 2013.

United Arab Emirates – USD 135.9 million, or 2.2% of trade turnover value; a 40.2% value increase, or USD 39.0 million higher than in 2013.

Hong Kong – USD 123.6 million, or 2.4% of trade turnover value; a 11.6% increase in trade turnover value, or USD 12.8 million higher than in 2013.

**Share of business partner countries in exports in 2014**

- Belgium: 54%
- India: 14%
- Israel: 11%
- China: 10%
- Japan: 3%
- UAE: 3%
- Hong Kong: 3%
- Others: 3%

**Investment climate**

of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in independent ratings

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**In 2011, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) was one of the first Russian constituent regions to be included in investment ratings following the assessment of international rating agencies.**

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The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is continually working to improve its investment climate. In 2014, the republic was one of the first Russian regions to approve its Investment Strategy for the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) through until 2016 and key areas for development through to 2030.

**Creating a favourable investment climate**

**Investment Strategy for the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) until 2016 and key areas for development through to 2030**

**Implementation of the Regional Investment Standard of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives to Promote New Projects in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)**

**Creating investment infrastructure in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)**

The republic is among the first “non-pilot” constituents of the Russian Federation, which voluntarily joined in the implementation of the standard for executive agencies’ efforts to guarantee a favourable investment climate in the region. The “standard” was developed by the Agency for Strategic Initiatives. This document defines a set of measures aimed at improving the investment appeal of the region, protecting investor rights and increasing the transparency of systems providing entrepreneurship support.

In 2014, to create a positive investment image, presentations of the investment potential of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) were made in the People’s Republic of China, the United Arab Emirates, the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Moscow, in Sapporo, the Japanese Governorate Hokkaido, and at the Third Russian-Japanese Forum in Tokyo, following which a number of agreements were signed with international partners.
Investments in key industries of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

In 2014, capital investment in Yakutia came to **RUB 201.9 billion**, or 102.8% on the previous year. Capital investment per capita was RUB 213,300. As of 1 April 2015, cumulative foreign investment in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) was **USD 2.4448 billion**. Mining companies accounted for the largest share in the cumulative foreign investment (95.9% of the total figure).

Mining

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is a region that is one of the richest in natural resources in Russia and globally. Over 1,500 fields of various types of minerals have been discovered in Yakutia, including:
- 150 kimberlite pipes;
- 600 gold fields;
- 44 tin deposits;
- 44 coal fields;
- 34 oil and gas fields;
- 26 mica deposits;
- seven iron ore deposits; and
- a number of antimony, zeolite, apatite and many other deposits.

Yakutia accounts for:
- 447% of discovered coal reserves;
- 35% of natural gas and oil in Eastern Siberia and the Far East;
- 22% of water resources in Russia.

Today, the republic is a production leader of the country and provides for:
- 100% of antimony production in Russia;
- 98% of rough diamonds;
- 40% of tin;
- 15% of gold;
- 24% of cut diamonds.

Many of the proven fields, which are not under development now, are classified as banded, unique and large fields. Accordingly, the total volume of discovered reserves of rough diamonds can support the diamond industry for 34 years.

The share of Yakutia's forest land is 2.5% of world reserves and 11% of Russian reserves, respectively.

Yakutia's share in world mineral reserves includes:
- 35% of rough diamonds;
- 5% of tin;
- 4.5% of antimony;
- 6.2% of uranium;
- 2.2% of iron ore;
- 1.4% of gold;
- 1.1% of silver;
- 0.8% of coal.

Diamond industry

Diamond mining remains Yakutia's flagship industry. In 2014, 34.5 million carats of rough diamonds were extracted in the republic, which is 100.4% against the 2014 plan.

**ALROSA**

ALROSA, the world's largest producer of diamonds, engages in mining operations in bedrock kimberlite pipes and placer mines of diamonds in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). ALROSA ranks first in the world in terms of volume of diamond recovery in carats, according to data for 2014. Its share in world production is 28%. ALROSA's proven and probable reserves exceed 650 million carats, which is sufficient to support current levels of recovery for the next 17 years. The company's total resource portfolio is around 1 billion carats. In 2014, ALROSA's revenue from the sale of rough and cut diamonds exceeded USD 5 billion for the first time ever.

In 2014, ALROSA's geologic exploration funding exceeded RUB 6 billion, around 97% of which is allocated for geophysical exploration in Yakutia itself. ALROSA is implementing initial mine development projects, including Internatsionalnaya, Mir, Aykhal, and Udachny. On 27 June 2014, ALROSA put the Uluchary underground mine into operation. When it reaches its design capacity of 4 million tonnes of ore per annum, Uluchary will become the largest underground diamond mine in Russia and one of the largest in the world. Furthermore, industrial mining of diamonds at the Botuobinskaya Diamond Pipe of the Nyurba Mining and Processing Division started in 2015.
Oil production

To date, 34 oil and gas fields have been discovered in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Commercial reserves of natural gas come to 2.48 trillion cubic meters, recoverable oil – 330 million tonnes, recoverable gas condensate – 52.5 million tonnes, and recoverable helium – 8,934.6 million cubic meters. That said, no more than 10% of the territory of four Yakutian basins have been geologically explored.

Oil production in the republic has shown sustainable and progressive growth. Two key oil producers in the region are OAO Surgutneftegaz and OOO Taas-Yuryakh Neftegazodobycha, as they supply produced oil to the Eastern Siberia Pacific Ocean Pipeline (ESPO).

Oil production in 2014 came to 8.71 million tonnes, which was 15.4% growth against the previous year.

Yakutia is a promising oil and gas region

With the total area of the republic at 3.1 million sq km, the area with the most promising lands in terms of oil and gas reserves is in Western Yakutia (1.6 million sq km).

**Gas industry**

In 2014, gas production was 2.0271 million cubic meters (100.3% of planned production). Gas producers operate within four local gas pipeline systems (two in central Yakutia and two in Western Yakutia), which are autonomous and independent from each other.

The gas industry will get a new impetus for development with the construction of the Power of Siberia gas pipeline. OAO Gazprom Transgaz Tomsk, a 100% subsidiary of PAO Gazprom, was selected as the construction project owner and operator of the Power of Siberia gas pipeline. The first stage of the pipeline is planned for commissioning as early as December 2018. Construction of gas compressor stations and loop lines will continue in the future in order to increase the pipe’s capacity. The construction of these facilities will be completed within six years. Thus, the construction of the Power of Siberia gas pipeline will be fully completed in 2024.

**Summa Group**

Summa Group is represented in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) by Yakutsk Fuel and Energy Company (the main gas producer in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) and the only supplier of gas for the whole region). The company holds a development license for the Srednebotuobinskoye and Motolikhokoye gas condensate fields, as well as a license for geological study, exploration and production of new hydrocarbon resources within the Metchinsky and Tekhinskoye license areas with total of 481.5 km² and 3.1 billion tonnes of recoverable gas condensate and 13.021 million tonnes of (recoverable) oil. The company also holds a geological study license for the Yuntymadyshkoye license area.

Annual production volume came to 1.74 billion cubic meters of gas and 88.2 thousand tonnes of gas condensate. In terms of natural gas production, YATEC is among the 10 largest regional gas producers in Russia. As of 31 December 2014, the cumulative production of YATEC since its inception had reached 48.9 billion cubic metres of gas, 16.553 million tonnes of (recoverable) gas condensate, and 13.021 million tonnes of (recoverable) oil. The company also holds a geological study license for the Yongylyshakhinsky license area.

**YATEC**

YATEC is a 100% subsidiary of PAO Gazprom, formed in 1996 as a result of the construction of the Power of Siberia gas pipeline. OOO Gazprom Transgaz Tomsk, a 100% subsidiary of PAO Gazprom, was selected as the construction project owner and operator of the Power of Siberia gas pipeline. The first stage of the pipeline is planned for commissioning as early as December 2018. Construction of gas compressor stations and loop lines will continue in the future in order to increase the pipe’s capacity. The construction of these facilities will be completed within six years. Thus, the construction of the Power of Siberia gas pipeline will be fully completed in 2024.
Gold mining industry

Gold is widespread in Yakutia’s territory. However, commercial gold is concentrated in Eastern and Southern Yakutia, mostly in the Indigirka, Yana and Aldan river basins. According to gold producers, geological gold reserves across the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) should last for 50 years.

Over 23.5 tonnes of gold were produced in 2014.

Top producers in 2014 included:
1) Aldanzoloto LLC: 4,278 kg of gold;
2) Tal LLC: 2,297 kg of gold;
3) Seligdar Gold OJSC: 2,283 kg of gold;
4) ZAO Posik Zoloto: 2,276 kg of gold.

Silver Bear Resources Inc.

In 2004, Canadian company Silver Bear Resources Inc. started investing in geological exploration in the region. The company’s primary business is geological exploration of promising deposits of silver and other precious metals in Russia.

Starting from 2004, its subsidiary, ZAO Prognoz, wholly owned by its parent company, has been exploring the Endybalskaya site in the Kobyaisky Ulus (District), searching for and evaluating silver and gold deposits.

The Canadian company invested over RUB 1.5 billion into geological exploration in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) from 2004 to 2012. In 2013, Silver Bear Resources Inc. obtained a mining license for the Vertikalny site of the Mangazeisky deposit in Russia for a period of 20 years that allows for exploration and production of silver ore at the site with minimum output of 180,000 tonnes of ore per annum.

In 2014, ZAO Prognoz invested USD 300 million to set up a mining enterprise for silver production at the Endybalskaya site in the Kobyaisky Ulus. Furthermore, the Mangazeisky deposit boasts some of the highest silver concentration in the world (558 g/tonne).
Coal mining industry

In 2014, coal production totalled 12,713,000 tonnes, and a number of significant events for the republic’s coal industry took place that year:

- Kolmar Group gradually started the development of the western site of the Chulmakansky deposit;
- A project for the construction of the Inaglinsky Mining and Refining Plant was implemented. This project includes the construction of the Inaglinsky – Chulbas railway line, which will link the future plant with the railway network;
- The construction of the coal-preparation plant for the Denisovskaya mine was started. It is slated for commissioning in the fourth quarter of 2015;
- The development of the Elginsky coal deposit continued. In 2014, its operating seasonal plant was upgraded and now can operate all year round while processing up to 2.7 million tonnes of coal annually. The subsoil developer is continuing to boost the traffic capacity of the constructed Ulak – Elga railway line, which is 300 km in length;
- An agreement for 2014–2015 coal supplies from the Dzhebariki-Haya mine to the SUE Housing and the Communal Services of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) was signed with OAO HC Yakutugol. Thanks to this agreement, coal shipments, as part of the supply of goods to the Northern Territories of Russia during the 2014 navigation period, went very well and were 100% complete.

Key industry leaders in 2014:

1) OAO HC Yakutugol: Neryungri open-pit coal mine – 8,420 thousand tonnes;
2) Kolmar Management Company OOO – 1,548 thousand tonnes;
3) OAO HC Yakutugol: Dzhebariki-Haya mine – 559 thousand tonnes;
4) ZAO Malye Razrezi Neryungri – 408 thousand tonnes.

Investment projects implemented in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

- Construction of the Inaglinsky Mining and Refining Plant
  Total private investment amounts to RUB 22.87 billion.
  Project initiator – Kolmar Management Company OOO.
  The project includes the construction of the Inaglinsky coal mine and the Inaglinsky Mining and Refining Plant with capacity for 6 million tonnes and potential to increase productive capability to 10.5 million tonnes.

- Construction of the first stage of the Tayezyshy Mining and Refining Plant
  Total funding comes to RUB 12.2 billion.
  Project initiator – OAO MMC Timir (ALROSA, EVRAZ Group).
  The construction of the mining and refining plant at the Tayezyshy iron ore deposit will give impetus to further development of the metals industry in Yakutia.

- In August 2014, Arctic Uglesintez OOO was announced as the winner of a tender for a subsoil licence to develop the Taymyrlyskoye mineral coal deposit. The Government of Yakutia and the company signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of this project along with the construction of social infrastructure in Taymyrly village.
  The geological reserves of the deposit come to 323 million tonnes of high-quality grade D power-generating coal and 1 million tonnes of boghead coal.
  The implementation of this project will ensure the development of a high-tech production facility in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Furthermore, around 2,500 jobs will be created.

LG International Corporation

Since 1995, LG International Corp. has been present in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). It is involved in the development of coal deposits as part of the Integrated Development of South Yakutia Project.

Today, LG is striving to build its long-term partnership with the republic. The company pursues its intentions through the construction of the LG Sakha Center office building.

The project was implemented by LG International Yuzhno Sakhalin OOO, a Russian subsidiary with foreign capital (100% owned by LG International Corp.), established in Yuzhno Sakhalin in 2008. Investments of LG International Yuzhno Sakhalin OOO (LG International Corp., Republic of Sakha) into the construction of the LG Sakha Center office building came to RUB 421.6 million. The company aims to attract further investments from Korean businesses. LG International Yuzhno Sakhalin has operated in the republic since the early 90s. For instance, it is a coal mining JV in Neryungri with SP EREL OOO, and has plans to take part in mining projects in Southern Sakha in the future.

SP EREL OOO

SP EREL OOO is a subsidiary of Kolmar Management Company OOO, a Sakha-Korean coal mining JV. The JV began coal mining at the Ugolnaya site (Vostochno-Chulmakanskoye deposit) on 1 October 2005. Today, SP EREL OOO is a customer with a closed loop production cycle that takes on all types of work, with the exception of blasting. Seventy percent of the company’s output is supplied abroad, and 30% domestically.

Grade Zh power-generating coal (rich coal) mined at the Ugolnaya and Inaglinsky sites is highly valued by consumers owing to its quality and very high combustion efficiency. LG International Corporation accounts for around one third of SP EREL OOO’s exports.

In the Russian market, Erel is successfully cooperating with Yakutskenergo, Dalenergo, Khabarovskenergo power systems, and other consumers.
Investment climate

Diamond cutting industry

As forecast, the 2014 annual plan for the diamond cutting industry will be 115% achieved (or USD 167 million).

2014’s industry leaders are as follows:
1) Yakutian Diamond Company OOO (YDC) produced USD 64 million worth of cut diamonds;
2) DDK OOO produced USD 49 million worth of cut diamonds;
3) NPK EPL Diamond OOO produced USD 15.5 million worth of cut diamonds.

Construction

To develop housing construction and provide affordable housing to the republic’s residents, around RUB 7 billion was allocated for the implementation of the Republic of Sakha’s (Yakutia) Government Programme “Supporting High-Quality Housing in 2012-2017”.

At year-end, 470,851 sq m of housing had been commissioned in the republic, which is a 12.8% increase over 2013 and 4.6% higher than what was planned for 2014 (including the commissioning of 220,500 sq m of individual housing).

Over 70 business are engaged in manufacturing construction materials in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). There are 15 large and medium-sized business out of this total number of businesses. The construction materials industry in the republic is mostly focused on supplying to the local market.

One of the most promising areas in this industry is the production of basalt continuous fiber and basalt composite materials based on basalt fiber (e.g., fittings, road meshes, pipes, concrete frames and other products). There is also Stroykompozit, a training and manufacturing facility, which is engaged in trial production of autoclaved aerated concrete blocks with an annual capacity for 20,000 cubic meters.

OAO Sakha Diamond

In 2003, the Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) and AK Sakha Diamond Corp. (Japan) signed a Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement. OAO Sakha Diamond was established under this agreement in 2003. Foreign investments (from Japan) account for 58% of the company’s equity. The company’s primary business is cutting rough diamonds and cut diamond sales, both domestically and globally.

OAO Sakha Diamond and Sakha Diamond Corp. develop and promote Yakutian cut diamonds in Japan, where a chain of jewellery stores has been set up and is in operation.

In November 2010, OAO Sakha Diamond launched a diamond cutting facility with high-tech equipment in a new building at a lapidary plant in Yakutsk.

In 2011, Eurostar Diamond Traders Co. Ltd. acquired a controlling stake in OAO Sakha Diamond.

In 2014, the construction and commissioning of the Sakha Diamond Administrative Office Building was completed.

DDK OOO

DDK OOO is one of the largest diamond cutting companies in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) with foreign equity from the UAE (Prime International DMCC). The company was founded in 1997. Today, DDK OOO has a reputation as a reliable partner and producer of high-quality products.

The company has built a diamond cutting plant for domestic production in Yakutsk; as well as arranged diamond cutting operations by other lapidary companies in Russia on a “give-and-take” basis. In 2000-2013, total investment through loans denominated in foreign currency provided by Prime International DMCC came to USD 99.87 million.

Zhuoda Corporation, China

Zhuoda Corporation was established in July 1993. Its total assets are worth over CNY 500 billion, while its net assets come to over CNY 42 billion.

Zhuoda Corporation, as a leader in the real estate sector, develops new types of construction materials and is involved in municipal real estate development, construction of ports, industrial parks, exhibition centers, educational institutions, five-star hotels, large restaurants and agricultural facilities. In addition, the company is engaged in property management.

In 2013, Zhuoda Corporation opened a representative office in Moscow.

In 2015, Zhuoda Corporation plans to start the integrated development of the second, fourth and 17th districts of Yakutsk’s capital, the city of Yakutsk. Approximately 800,000 sq m of housing is expected to be built.

The total amount of investment into construction from the Chinese partners comes to RUB 40 billion. According to the project’s guidelines, construction shall be completed in 2022.
Wood processing industry

The region’s timber industry has 68 enterprises, out of which 48 specialise in timber cutting while the remaining 20 are engaged in wood processing and woodware production.

According to estimates, the following results were achieved in 2014:
- softwood logging – 678,100 cubic metres, which is 0.4% higher than the given targets;
- production of timber sawn lengthwise – 202,000 cubic metres or 100.9% of the 2014 target.

In 2014, timber exports also grew, totalling over 2,000 cubic metres, which was an increase of 16.6% over 2013. In addition, timber enterprises invested over RUB 38 million from non-government sources into the replacement of fixed assets in 2014.

Key industry leaders in 2014 included:
1) Almas OOO: produced 72,000 cubic metres of softwood timber, and 33,700 cubic metres of sawn timber;
2) Mas OOO: produced 20,000 cubic metres of softwood timber, and 13,600 cubic metres of sawn timber.

Agricultural sector

In 2014, gross output in Yakutia’s agricultural sector reached RUB 21.8 billion.

Total area of agricultural lands in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), as of 1 January 2015, came 19,446,297 ha (6.31% of total land reserves in Yakutia), out of which 885,889 ha are used agriculturally while 94,193 ha are croplands.

Key sectors in the food industry of Yakutia are dairy, meat, bread production and fish-processing industries.

Key production facilities are located:
- dairy – in Yakutsk: 34%;
- meat – in Yakutsk: 89%;
- bread production – in Yakutsk: 28%;
- fish processing – in Bulunsky Ulus: 23%; in Yakutsk: 19.5%.

Major and core businesses of Yakutia’s agricultural sector include the following:
- OAO FAPK Sakhabalt;
- OAO Yakutsky Khlebokombinat;
- OAO Yakutskaya Priipotrefabrika;
- OAO Neryungrinskaya Priipotrefabrika;
- OAO Yakutsky Gormolzavod;
- OAO Tuymaada Leasing;
- OAO Tuymaada Agrosnab;
- ZAO NAOK Tabar;
- OAO Sayanovy Farmers’ Market;
- Khatansky Svinokompleks OOO;
- GUP FAPK Tuymaada;
- IE MIP Skif;
- OAO FAPK Yakutia.

Priority projects – a new basis for growth in Yakutia’s economy

1. Construction of a bridge over the Lena River near Yakutsk
The implementation of a project to build a bridge over the Lena River near Yakutsk continued throughout 2015. Overall investment into the bridge’s construction comes to RUB 43 billion (excluding VAT). The project will be further carried out under a concessions agreement.

This project will stimulate the development of transport infrastructure and pave the way for creating a major multi-modal transportation hub in Yakutsk, linking together several modes of transport – rail, river, air, and roadways.

The project was initiated by the Federal Road Agency (Rosavtodor) of the Russian Ministry of Transport, with the participation of the Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Work is currently underway to attract investment for the project’s further implementation.

2. Seligdarsky Mining and Chemical Complex based at the Seligdar apatite deposit
The tender for the right to use a federal subsoil plot, including a major phosphorus deposit in the Far East, the Seligdar (Aldan District) deposit, for exploration and production of apatite ores, rare metals, rhyolite and associated components was announced in May 2015. The development of a deposit-based mining and chemical complex will renew the raw materials base of the country’s phosphorus industry, as well as supply the agricultural sector of the Russian East with mineral fertilizers. The initial size of the lump sum payment for subsoil use will come to approximately RUB 4.1 billion.

3. Construction of the Yakutian oil refinery (Aldan)
The project involves the construction of an oil refinery, under license to the world’s leading engineering development firms, which meets all advanced international requirements and standards and features a yield per barrel of crude oil of 96 and a Nelson Index of 9.4. The throughput volume will be 2 million tonnes of oil per year. Investment in construction is estimated at USD 1,952 million.

4. Development of a tin alluvial deposit at Tirekhtyakh Creek
A project for the development of production of alluvial tin, tungsten, indium and associated components at the Tirekhtyakh Creek deposit in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). The project will achieve its projected capacity in the third year of its implementation. Starting from this third year, this deposit is expected to produce at least 500 tonnes of tin concentrate. Annual output of tin concentrate may subsequently increase to 2,000 tonnes.
The Government of the Russian Federation, in close cooperation with the regions of the Far Eastern Federal District, is working to create a favourable investment and business environment in Russia’s Far East. Efficient tools for investor relationship management have been developed such as territories for priority socio-economic development with special legal frameworks for operations and tax incentives, public-private partnerships (PPPs) mechanisms implementation, and investor relationship management on a “one-stop-shop” basis.

On 28 April 2015, a project for the development of a priority socio-economic development territory (PDT), Industrial Park Kangalassy, was approved at a meeting of the Governmental Subcommittee for Socio-economic Development in the Far East. In its initial stage, investments in the project will come to around RUB 1.2 billion, including over RUB 200 million of public funds and around RUB 1 billion of private investments. The construction of the infrastructure for PDT Industrial Park Kangalassy, including power lines, roads and telecommunications, started in the summer of 2015. The PDT will include a complex of production facilities. There are plans to set up facilities for ferrous metal processing and construction materials manufacturing, as well as production of paint-and-lacquer materials and electric equipment.

At the moment, the Kangalassy project has 13 agreements with investors. Anyone can apply to become a resident through the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), the District Administration of the City of Yakutsk, or State Autonomous Agency Technopark Yakutia.

Government support of investment in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) includes the following:

- tax incentives;
- alternate timeframes for tax payments;
- government expenditures;
- government guarantees;
- preferential terms for the use of property, land and other natural resources;
- creation and development of investment infrastructure;
- development and implementation of long-term target programmes;
- participation in industrial and infrastructural investment projects under public-private partnership (PPP) arrangements;
- creation and development of areas to stimulate investment, special economic zones (SEZ), industrial parks, industrial areas and other development territories;
- assistance in the cooperation of investors with organisations in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).

### Tax system

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* priority development territory

### Breakdown of support for investment projects from regional development institutions

INVESTOR → WRITTEN OR VERBAL REQUEST

EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES RS (YA)

INSTITUTES FOR DEVELOPMENT RS(YA)

NOTICE WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE DAY WHEN REQUEST IS RECEIVED

YAKUTIAN INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

INVESTOR IS INFORMED ON PROVIDED SERVICES WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST IS RECEIVED
Plan for working with investors on a “one-stop-shop” basis

Investor’s application

Yakutian Investment Development Agency

Investment project support

Assistance in implementation of investment projects

Assistance in creating project teams for investment project implementation
Assistance in state registration of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs
Finding office premises
Assistance in acquisition of rights for a land plots
Assistance in obtaining technical specifications
Support in the land survey of land plots
Assistance in the registration of land plots for industrial purposes and commercial real estate
Assistance in approval of project documentation in local governments and other organisations
Obtaining approvals and permits required for implementation of investment projects
Selection and recommendations on the use of services of organisations required for the implementation of investment projects
Selection of qualified specialists required for the implementation of investment projects
Holding tender negotiations and approval of commercial proposals
Other issues arising at the investment stage

Services for bundling of investment projects

Content of the organisational plan of the investment project
Undertaking marketing research
Legal support of the investment project
Preparing documentation, including agreements, provisions and regulations
Preparing feasibility studies
Financial model development
Business project development
Expert evaluation of investment projects
Development of design estimates
Finding land plots and industrial sites for projects
Preparing presentation materials
Investor search
Other services

Transportation infrastructure

One of the priority areas for socio-economic development in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is the sustainable development of the region’s transportation system.

Transport connection

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<td>OAO Railways of Yakutia</td>
<td><a href="http://www.rw-y.ru">www.rw-y.ru</a></td>
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<td>Yakutsk River Port</td>
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Roads

The Republic of Sakha’s (Yakutia) transportation infrastructure includes main routes – the Anga and Aldan Highways. Furthermore, the Viluy, Lena and Kolyma Federal Highways pass through the republic.

The Viluy Highway links major diamond deposits, oil, and gas bearing basins. The development of the roadway will improve transport accessibility and the profitability of fields in both the Irkutsk Region and the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).

The M-56 Lena Federal Highway is the only year-round major highway that links the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) with Russia’s regions. It total length is 1,157 km, 889 km of which pass through the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), and 268 km goes through the Amur Region.

The Kolyma Federal Highway links the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) with the Magadan and Amur Regions. The length of the highways is 33,400 km, 11,800 km of which has hard coating.

In 2014, all types of transport carried 19.6 million tonnes of cargo, or 102.1% on 2013.

Air transport

Due to the inaccessibility of distant northern parts of the republic, air transport plays a key role in the socio-economic life of the region. A total of 32 airports operate Yakutia, out of which two are federal airports (Yakutsk Airport and Tiksi Airport).

OAO Yakutsk Airport:
- ranks 27th among 300 Russian airports;
- ranks 11th in terms of cargo and mail traffic;
- among the Top-3 leading airports in the Far Eastern Federal District, after Khabarovsk and Vladivostok (Knevichi);
- the airfield is ICAO category II and can receive all types of aircrafts;
- the company is a leader in the transport sector of Yakutia; its actual headcount as of the end of the reporting period is over 1,500 people.

The flight geography of Yakutia’s airlines includes around 50-60 main routes. The destination network of air services from the local Yakutsk, Mirny and Polyarny airports is made up of 180 local airlines.

Local air service accounts for 270,000 passengers per year on average, which is 17% of the total air service in the republic. CAGR of passenger air service by local airlines is around 1.5%.

The international terminal of Yakutsk Airport operates direct flights to Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk, Krasnoyarsk, Irkutsk, Khabarovsk, Vladivostok, Magadan, Beijing, Seoul and Harbin, and other Russian and foreign cities.
Investment climate

Water transport

The Lena basin accounts for 21,700 km (21.3%) of the total length of Russian navigational inland waterways (101,500 km in total). The bulk of the cargo traffic is carried by water transport. In 2014, the volume of cargo traffic was 2,993,700 tonnes (106.2% on the previous year), and cargo turnover was 2,764.9 million tonne-km (110.1% on the previous year). OAO Lena United River Shipping Company accounts for the largest share in cargo traffic and turnover (44.4% and 64.72%, respectively). In 2014, total passenger traffic reached 354,600 people (98.6% against the previous year), and passenger turnover - 26.1 million passenger km (94.7% against the previous year).

Distance from the capital of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Yakutsk, to global capitals

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Railway transport

Railway transport in Yakutia is one of the most important parts of the region’s transportation system. The expansion of railways stimulates economic growth in the republic and the development of deposits of commercial minerals, ensures year-round accessibility to a substantial part of the republic’s territory, and reduces the cost of organizing deliveries of goods to the Northern Territories of Russia.

Railway lines in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia):
- A section of the Baikal-Amur Mainline that runs several dozen kilometres in the Neryungri District and links to Khani Station located at the 1,864th km of the Baikal-Amur Mainline at the junction of the Eastern Siberian and Far Eastern railway lines in the south-western part of the republic next to the borders with the Zabaikalye Territory and the Amur Region;
- A section of the Amur-Yakutsk Mainline (now under construction) that connects the Baikal-Amur Mainline (Bestuzhevo crossing loop, 2,375th km) with the southern and central parts of Yakutia, which starts from the Yakutsk Kosovo crossing loop (285th km of the Amur-Yakutsk Mainline) at the border of the Amur Region with Yakutia; it also runs through Berkakit – Neryungri – Aldan – Tommot – Nizhny Bestyakh;
- A section of the Ulak – Elga railway line (now under construction) that will link the Elginsk coal deposit located in the south-eastern part of Yakutia with the Ulak crossing loop of the Far Eastern railway;
- The completion of the construction of the Berkakit – Tommot – Yakutsk (Nizhny Bestyakh) railway line will create the largest transshipment transportation hub in the republic. This will fundamentally alter shipping logistics as main cargo traffic to Yakutsk will go through railway mainlines, and further onto the Arctic zone via ice roads and waterways via the Yakutsk River Port.

Key areas of railway transport development in the republic provide for the construction of pilot railway lines that will run through deposits of hydrocarbon, coal, iron-ore, titanium, polymetallic and gold ore resources and help in the development of the industrial resource potential of the underdeveloped regions of the country, including as part of the major regional project Integrated Development of South Yakutia: the Ulak – Elga branch railway line; the Ut Kut – Nepa – Vitim – Lensk and Khani – Olykninsk railway lines; and the continued construction of the Amur-Yakutsk Mainline along Yakutsk – Magadan route. Economists estimate that each rouble invested into the development of the transport system in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) will generate eventual revenue of RUB 2.5.

Pipeline transport

Eastern Siberia Pacific Ocean (ESPO) Pipeline

This pipeline connects oil fields in Western and Eastern Siberia with the Port of Komsomo in Nakhodka Bay in the Pacific Ocean region. The pipeline is designed to ensure the transportation of the Russian oil to the markets of the Asia-Pacific. The pipeline’s capacity is 80 million tonnes of oil per annum.

Power of Siberia gas pipeline

To transport the natural gas produced at the Chayandinsky oil and gas condensate field, the Power of Siberia gas pipeline, with capacity for 32 billion cubic metres per annum, will be built. The gas pipeline will run along ESPO, and its route will also run parallel to the Amur-Yakutsk Mainline and the Skvorodino – Yakutsk highway at the section from Aldan to the border with the Amur Region. The gas pipeline’s length in Yakutia is 1,350 km, and its total length along the Yakutsk – Khabarovsk – Vladivostok route is 3,177 km.

On 1 September 2014, the opening ceremony for the laying of the Power of Siberia gas pipeline took place in Yakutsk. The estimated cost of construction of the gas pipeline is RUB 770 billion, including investments in the republic of RUB 283 billion (in 2011 prices).

As of June 2015, design and survey work related to the route of the Power of Siberia gas pipeline is drawing to a close. A special transport and logistics hub has been created to deliver pipes to Ut Kut in the Irkutsk Region. Starting from August 2014, the supply of construction cargo to the republic has been up and running.

The planned period of construction of the first stage is five years (2014-2018).
Investment climate

1. State-Financed Institution Investment Development Agency of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
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2. AO Republican Investment Company
   The company was established to attract investors to develop the republic’s economy, as well as to develop, implement and coordinate investment and innovation programs and large projects in all sectors of the republic’s economy.
   Chief Executive Officer: Vladimir Yurchenko
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   Email: rci@rcsakha.ru
   Official website: www.rcsakha.ru

3. State Autonomous Agency Centre for Strategic Studies
   The agency was established to ensure implementation of the government bodies’ powers related to supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in the republic.
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   Official website: www.src-sakha.ru

4. OAO Venture Company Yakutia
   The company is the only government-owned private equity and other development institutions of the Russian Federation.
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   Official website: www.yakutiaventure.ru

5. State Social Support Centre of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
   The centre is responsible for:
   - Providing government services, performing work and (or) government functions in support of small and medium-sized entrepreneurs;
   - Supporting effective economic activities and efforts aimed at implementing the republic’s regional, national and youth policies;
   - Meeting local SMEs’ needs for information, consulting advice, educational and financial support services, etc.
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6. State Public Institution Business Support Centre of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
   The centre is responsible for:
   - Providing government services, performing work and (or) government functions related to supporting small and medium-sized entrepreneurs in the republic as provided for by Russian laws;
   - Promoting the population’s employment by creating conditions for self-employment through SME development in the republic;
   - Supporting effective economic activities and efforts aimed at implementing the republic’s regional, national and youth policies;
   - Meeting local SMEs’ needs for information, consulting advice, educational and financial support services, etc.
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Investment climate

8. OAO South Yakutia Development Corporation
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9. OAO Corporation for the Development of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
   The agency was established to ensure that innovation projects are run on a commercial basis and transfer new technologies.
   Chief Executive Officer: Gennady Fedorovich Alexeev
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   Fax: +7 (495) 232-42-44
   Email: office.sy-corp.ru
   Official website: www.sy-corp.ru

10. State Autonomous Agency Technopark Yakutia
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State Public Institution Business Support Centre of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

The centre is responsible for:
- Providing government services, performing work and (or) government functions in support of small and medium-sized entrepreneurs in the republic as provided for by Russian laws;
- Promoting the population’s employment by creating conditions for self-employment through SME development in the republic;
- Supporting effective economic activities and efforts aimed at implementing the republic’s regional, national and youth policies;
- Meeting local SMEs’ needs for information, consulting advice, educational and financial support services, etc.

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Small Business Development Fund of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
The fund’s tasks include providing small and medium-sized enterprises with equal access to lending and other financial resources, as well as developing an entrepreneur-focused support system in the republic.
The region's business infrastructure includes offices and representative offices of major companies. The following companies have opened representative offices in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia):

**AK Alrosa** – the global leader in the exploration, extraction and sales of diamonds, along with the production of cut diamonds. AK Alrosa accounts for 97% of all diamonds recovered in the Russian Federation. The company's share in the overall global diamond mining is 28%.

**AO Joint Stock Bank Almazergienbank** – the second biggest bank operating in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) in terms of the size of its loan portfolio and customer accounts. It is rated among the Top-40 Russian banks and the only bank with government ownership located in the Russian Far East.

**PAO Gazprom** – a Russian energy company engaged in the exploration, extraction, transportation, storage, processing and sales of natural gas, gas condensate and crude oil, as well as generation and sales of heat and electric power.

**EVRAZ** – a vertically integrated metals and mining company with assets in Russia, Ukraine, the USA, Canada, the Czech Republic, Italy, Kazakhstan and South Africa. The company is one of the biggest steel producers in the world.

**OAO Mechel** – a Russian mining and metals company. Mechel brings together producers of coal, iron-ore concentrate, steel and rolled products.

**OAO NK Rosneft** – a Russian state-owned oil and gas company. Rosneft is the biggest public company in the world in terms of crude oil production.

**PAO Rostelecom** – a Russian telecommunications company. Rostelecom provides local and long distance telephone services, as well as broadband Internet access, interactive TV, and cellular communication services.

**OAO Surgutneftegas** – one of the biggest Russian oil companies actively developing such sectors as exploration and extraction of crude oil and natural gas, gas processing and generation of electric power, production and marketing of oil products, petrochemical and gas chemical products.

In the context of the region’s active business development, an increasing number of new business and exhibition centres, which meet all modern-day requirements and corporate needs, have been commissioned in the republic’s capital city, Yakutsk. Major Yakutsk-based business centres currently include the following institutions: Business Centre on Kirova Street, multifunctional business complex Sakha Diamond, retail and office centre Boom, business centre Stroitelnaya, office centre Utum+, and business centre LG Sakha Centre.
The scope and quantity of exhibition events annually held in Yakutia also testify to the level of maturity of the region’s business infrastructure:

Yakutia’s Diamond Week – the keynote event in the life of the region’s lapidary and jewellery industry, organised under the patronage of the Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Participants of this one-of-a-kind event are granted a rare opportunity to see with their own eyes the whole transformation of a rough diamond into a cut diamond. The end of Yakutia’s Diamond Week is marked by the Diamond Ball.

Export Days of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) – an event held at the all-Russian level with the participation of representatives of the federal and regional authorities, central and local authorities of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), and companies engaged in export and export-oriented activities, as well as potential foreign partners.

Trade Fair of Investment Projects of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) – a congress/exhibition-type event and presentation organised by the State-Financed Institution Investment Development Agency of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) with the aim of attracting direct investments, as well as ensuring further development of bilateral economic, commercial and investment relations with major investment funds.

Forum of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) – an event held with the aim of developing dialogue between the government and business circles, facilitating further economic development and improvement of competitiveness of small- and medium-sized businesses.

International Conference Renewable Power Generation in Stand-Alone Systems of the Russian Far East – a traditional summer event held in Yakutsk jointly with the republic’s Government and OAO RAO Energy Systems of the East. The list of the conference participants traditionally includes representatives of regional and federal authorities, local authorities, Far East energy companies, Russian and foreign manufacturers of technologies and equipment, and researchers and experts.

Convention of Yakutia’s Engineers – a large-scale event attended by representatives of the engineering community, as well as researchers, business people, representatives of the executive authorities and members of the public. The event is organised with the aim of efficiently addressing the tasks of developing an innovation-oriented economy in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) based on application of best scientific, engineering and technological achievements, advanced methods, processes and technologies.

Annual Exhibition Fair of Tourist Goods and Services SakhaTravel – an event, within the framework of which, representatives of Yakutia’s tourism/recreational industry are granted an opportunity to offer attendees a wide range of goods and services related to the local tourism industry. This event represents an excellent platform for developing business contacts, holding negotiations, and exchanging experiences.
Among the regions of the Far Eastern Federal District, in terms of the amount of average wages, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) was rated No. 5 in 2014 in descending order for average salary – RUB 50,726. In 2014, the number of economically active population totalled 502,900 persons (52.5 % of the total population).

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is currently taking measures to ensure dynamic and focused development of science and innovations. The republic has enormous research and technological potential involving the development of various research institutions and innovation-oriented entities.

Federal Government Budgetary Research Institution Yakut Research Centre of the Siberian branch of the Russian Academy of Science

The Centre does research into Yakutia’s potential. Its key areas of activity include drafting of proposals for the state policy in regards to the integrated development of Siberia, the North and the Far East. It also defines strategic areas of development for Siberia, its Arctic zone and border areas in the context of the global challenges of the 21st century. Furthermore, the Centre determines strategic areas and forecasts the socio-economic development of northern regions.

Russian Academy of Science Institution

Institute of Frozen Earth Science named after P. I. Melnikov of the Siberian branch of the Russian Academy of Science

The Institute's main areas of activities include research into cryospheric zone evolution under the impact of natural and anthropogenic factors and engineering geocryology. Affiliated to the Institute are an underground laboratory, a cryoreservoir and a museum. The one-of-a-kind underground laboratory is located at the depth of perpetually frozen subsoil where, for the first time, the subfreezing temperature of rock formations was measured at a multimeter depth (116.4 m).

Cryolithic Zone Biology Institute of the Siberian branch of the Russian Academy of Science

The Cryolithic Zone Biology Institute was founded in 1952. Its main accredited area of fundamental research covers the structure, operation and sustainability of northern ecosystems, as well as scientific foundations for the protection and optimisation of the use of biological resources of the cryolithic zone. As part of operations in its key research area, the Institute conducts joint research activities with 35 institutes from foreign countries of the Pacific Region, the USA and Europe.

In the course of joint entomological research activities on Hokkaido Island with Japanese scientists, one genus and 10 species of hemipterans were described for scientific purposes for the first time. In conjunction with the International Crane Foundation (ICF) and the research centre of the Japanese Wild Birds Society, a four-year experiment for tracking the autumn migrations of Siberian white cranes was successfully completed. Its findings served as the basis for the development of a single system for the protection of threatened and endangered species of global fauna in North-East Asia.

North-East Federal University Arctic Innovation Centre (NEFU AIC)

NEFU AIC is a multi-industry research and innovation educational complex of North-East Federal University. The main objective of the Arctic Innovation Centre is to improve the quality of life of the population of the North-East Russia, primarily the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), through setting up and developing the North-East Federal University’s innovation infrastructure. Each year, the Centre is visited by leading researchers, public figures, CEOs of companies and organisations from 11 Russian regions and five countries of the world – Japan, Korea, China, USA and Italy, as well as school students from the university educational circuit.

State Autonomous Agency Technopark Yakutia

State Autonomous Agency Technopark Yakutia is a core infrastructure facility for innovation, research and technologies in Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). The technopark’s key mission is to implement innovative projects and transfer technologies to the economy of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), as well as ensure the development of the local high-tech research and manufacturing complex – the “core” of the innovative sector of both the republic and the Russian Far East’s economy. The technopark’s key projects include:

• Regional Engineering Centre;
• IT Park high-technology park.

The construction of the IT Park is intended to ensure favourable conditions for start-ups and developing IT companies to the maximum extent possible. The IT Park construction project is the only one project of this sort in the Russian Far East. The complex is slated to open in 2018;

• Industrial Park in the village of Kangalassky;
• Agrotechnopark;
• School Technoparks.

The aforementioned projects are aimed at training in-demand IT specialists, promoting information technologies, and attracting residents.

Sinet Group of Companies

Sinet is a Yakutsk-based group of IT companies founded in 1999 and engaged in Internet advertising, e-commerce and development of online start-ups. Sinet is a leader in its various areas of activity in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) market and one of the leading companies in the Russian Far East.

The Sinet Group has developed the information portal Ykt.Ru, Yakutia’s main web portal, bringing together a multitude of news, entertainment and corporate websites, mobile services and blogs oriented to the residents of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). The company’s development strategy is to assist in society and business’ transition to new communication, commerce, education and entertainment technologies.

Sulus Games company

Sulus Games is engaged in the development of mobile and social applications for various technological platforms. The company was founded in 2006 and is currently enjoying success and fast development. Over the period of its operations, the company has grown into a competitive player in the casual games market and succeeded in holding a strong position in the computer games market under its Sulus Games brand. The company is a leader in exports of IT services in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).
One of the company’s key partners at the moment is Big Fish Games, a globally known developer and distributor of casual computer games, which has allowed Sulus Games to successfully enter the international scene. Games released by the company run on various platforms, including iOS and Android.

**Education and science**

The system of professional education in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) comprises 85 institutions, including:

- 27 basic vocational education institutions;
- 37 secondary vocational education institutions;
- 5 higher vocational education institutions;
- 16 branches of public higher education institution.

The secondary education system includes 647 schools with 133,774 students.

**Ammosov North-East Federal University**

Ammosov North-East Federal University (NEFU) is one of Russia’s 10 federal higher educational institutions specifically oriented towards geopolitical issues and aims to satisfy the HR demands of major transregional investment projects. NEFU is a multidisciplinary academic complex with a well-developed innovation, education, research and socio-cultural infrastructure.

University in figures:

19,000 students from 37 constituent regions of the Russian Federation and foreign countries. Over 600 postgraduates, interns, trainees and doctoral students. The University structure comprises 13 institutes, six departments, six scientific research institutes, two colleges and three branches (Neryungri, Mirny, Anadyr).

One of the key aspects of NEFU’s operations is international cooperation. The university’s international activities are primarily aimed at development and internationalisation of higher education and the sciences in the global arena. Its unique geopolitical position informs its interaction priorities, which most notably involve countries of the Asian-Pacific and Arctic regions. NEFU currently cooperates with dozens of universities, colleges and scientific research centres all over the world (e.g., Korea, Japan, China, USA, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, etc.).

According to Global World Communicator, the NEFU was ranked among the Top 500 best universities in the world. It was also ranked among the Top 200 best universities of BRICS countries.

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) has major potential for tourism and recreational. Unique natural and recreational resources, as well as national cultural and historical heritage sites, are concentrated in the republic, which also plays host to major economic, cultural, social and sports events.

Development of the tourism industry in the republic is one of its priorities for long-term socio-economic development.

Using the region’s exclusive advantages, the republic has developed the following national brands and event tours: The Pole of Cold; Yhsyakh (Yakut New Year); Lena-River Day; Yakutia’s Diamond Week; Winter Starts From Yakutia festival; Children of Asia International Sports Games.

In cooperation with the federal authorities, efforts have been taken by the local tourist industry to launch local brands in external markets. With a view to developing its interregional, international and external economic relations, the republic annually presents its tourist potential at various international exhibitions. Its tourist potential is also promoted within the scope of Russia’s Eastern Ring, an interregional project of the constituent regions of the Russia’s Far East and Baikal Region.

**The Lena Pillars** – unique natural bedding outliers of the Lower Cambrian rock formations (“towers” and “columns”), that extend along the right bank of the Lena River for almost 40 km. In 2012, the Lena Pillars Natural Park, with a total area of 1,353 ha, was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. This park is part of a system of specially protected designated natural areas of the Republic.

Yakut nature is extraordinary and mysterious. Undoubtedly, some of Yakutia’s mystical corners in recent years have been the Sacred Mountains of Kisilyakh located at the watershed of the Yana and Adycha Rivers. Mount Kisilyakh’s fame as one of the planet’s chakras is spreading throughout the entire world at a truly cosmic speed. It is also referred to as the Northern Shambhala.

**The Kurulaur tourist complex** is a wonderful place for recreation, with picturesque natural sites and a cascade of waterfalls. These are moderate-size yet deep waterfalls with stony shores and rapids, as well as cool water. The cascade of waterfalls is located in the Khangalassky District on the right bank of the Lena River in the Samartai Valley at Menda Creek.

**The Buluus Glacier** – ice accumulations of clean fresh water generated by a unique source of underground waters, which do not melt even on the hottest days. The Buluus Glacier is a natural monument of the republic. On a hot summer day, this ice realm is something incredible to see among the green grass and tall fir trees.
The splendid and distinctive culture of Yakutia rightly fits into Russia’s national heritage, which entails a focused approach to the preservation and further development of the unique cultural and spiritual heritage of the peoples of the North.

**Today Yakutia is one of the largest cultural centres in the northeast of Russia.** The republic’s extensive network of cultural and artistic institutions comprises:

- 531 municipal and public libraries,
- 555 cultural and leisure institutions,
- 79 museums,
- 68 cinema units,
- 7 cinemas,
- 15 theatrical and entertainment institutions.

This network also includes a three-tier system of art education:

- 90 children’s schools of arts, music schools and schools of painting;
- two higher education institutions; and four secondary vocational education institutions.

Yakuts’ traditional economy and material culture have many distinctive features similar to the culture of cattle farmers in Central Asia. A model of the Yakut economy has developed at the Middle Lena, combining cattle breeding and land-based types of traditional local businesses (fishing and hunting), as well as a material culture adaptable to the East Siberian climate. Specifically, unique breeds of Yakut cows and Yakut horses are of particular note, as they are perfectly suitable for life in harsh weather conditions. In the Northern Yakutia, an authentic type of draft reindeer breeding is also very popular.

The ancient epos *Olonkho*, which is handed down from generation to generation, was included on the UNESCO World Non-Material Heritage List.

The best-known musical instruments are the khomus, a Yakut version of a guimbarde, and a traditional bowed string instrument known as the kyryympa.

The rich cultural tradition of the peoples living in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is presented in the Summer Solstice Festival, also known as the Yakut New Year’s celebration – Ysyakh.

**Ysyakh is a summer festival in honour of unification of the Sakha people.** The official day of the Ysyakh celebration in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is 21 June.

According to official data, over the last 10 years, about 1.5 million people have attended the Ysyakh Festival. Annually, tourists from all over the world visit Yakutia to take part in the celebration of Ysyakh. Over the past few years, three world records have been achieved, which were added to the Guinness Book of World Records: the most wide-scale music performance using the traditional local musical instrument khomus (the national version of a guimbarde); the most wide-scale dance called osuokha (with the participation of more than 15,000 persons); and the most wide-scale ceremony of koumiss (fermented mare’s milk) drinking.

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) actively promotes a healthy lifestyle and physical culture.

Local sports infrastructure includes:

- 822 gyms;
- 542 flatwork sports facilities (volleyball, basketball, football grounds);
- 51 swimming pools;
- 23 skiing lodges;
- 20 stadiums;
- 261 sport venues of other types.

**Major sports facilities:**

- Aldana-based skiing and biathlon complex Winter Sports Training Centre;
- Yakutsk-based universal sports complex Triumph Sports Training Centre;
- Yakutsk-based Dokhosso Indoor Football Arena with artificial turf;
- Yakutsk-based Cholbon Swimming Pool.

**Sporting events of 2014**

**2014 Russian Free-Style Wrestling Championship**

The Russian Free-Style Wrestling Championship, which hosted 237 athletes from 34 constituent regions of Russia, was held with a high level of organisation. The republic was represented by 27 Yakut athletes.

**2014 Mas-Wrestling World Championship**

2014 saw the Mas-Wrestling World Championship – the first ever in the history of development of national sports of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). A total of 144 athletes from 35 countries participated in the event.

**2014 World Students Boxing Championship**

In 2014, Yakutia hosted the World Students Boxing Championship. A total of 79 athletes from 12 countries of the world participated in the event.
Investment Climate

Children of Asia International Sports Games

The Children of Asia International Sports Games are held in the republic once every four years under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee and UNESCO with the support of the Government of the Russian Federation and the Olympic Council of Asia. The competition brings together children from all over Asia. The Children of Asia International Sports Games were first held in 1996, the year when the 100th anniversary of the contemporary Olympic Games was celebrated.

**The key objectives of the Children of Asia International Sports Games include:**
- Strengthening friendship among the children of different countries of the Asian continent and Russia’s regions;
- Upgrading of sport skills;
- Identifying the best athletes for training for national Olympic teams;
- Developing, promoting and systematising sports for disabled children.

Over the whole period of holding of the Games, in excess of 7,000 young athletes from more than 30 Asian countries and 27 regions of the Russian Federation participated in the event.

It was the Children of Asia International Sports Games that became a pilot version of the first-ever Youth Olympic Games held in Singapore in 2010, which was formally recognised by the IOC’s previous President Jacques Rogge.

The VI Children of Asia International Sports Games in 2016 (5 – 17 July) are expected to host at least 2,500 athletes from at least 30 countries participating in 22 sports. The Games’ events will involve 14 competition and 21 training venues, as well as 77 public catering and accommodation facilities. An Athletes’ Village has been built at the premises of the campus of Ammosov North-East Federal University. In addition, 2,000 volunteers will look after the Games participants.

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**Investment Development Agency of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)**

For the purpose of assisting investors in the implementation of major projects, the Head of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) has decreed to set up a state-financed institution – the Investment Development Agency of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).

The agency’s primary objective is to search and attract investors for implementing investment projects within the territory of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). The activities of the Investment Development Agency of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) are aimed at creating favourable conditions for investment activities within the territory of Yakutia, providing investors and partners alike with detailed and relevant information to the maximum extent possible, ensuring the required level of transparency, and minimising the risks of involvement in the investment process.

In addition, within the framework of carrying out the “one-stop-shop” principle, the state-financed institution Investment Development Agency of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) offers the following services to investors:
- Advice on investment activity issues;
- Expert review of an investment project’s business plan;
- Market analysis (marketing research services related to business concepts);
- Development of marketing plans;
- Drafting of business plans for investment projects;
- Promotion of investment projects;
- Other services related to investment issues.

**Official web portal of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia):**

[www.sakha.gov.ru](http://www.sakha.gov.ru)

**Official web portal of the Head of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia):**

[www.egorborisov.ru](http://www.egorborisov.ru)

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