

Ukrainian iron ore mines in January-July 2007

Inhulets Mining ups iron ore concentrate output 4.7% in 7 months

Inhulets Mining and Beneficiation Plant raised iron ore concentrate production 4.6% year-on-year in the first seven months of 2007 to 7.812 million tonnes, including 1.237 million tonnes in July. The company sold 7.739 million tonnes of concentrate to Ukrainian steel mills in the seven months, slightly above a targeted 7.562 million tonnes. Inhulets, from Kryvy Rih, is Ukraine's biggest iron ore concentrate producer with an estimated 77% of the market. The Zaporizhia-based Smart Group controls the plant.

Kryvy Rih Mine edges iron ore output down 0.2% in 7 months

Kryvy Rih Iron Ore Combine edged production of iron ore commodities by the deep mining method down 0.2% year-on-year in January-July to 4.08 million tonnes, including 567,000 tonnes in July. Output rose 9.9% in 2006 to 7.1 million tonnes. The mine sells its ore via a company called Rudsnab, which was an investor prior to the mine's privatization.

Pivdenny GOK ups sinter output 18% in 7 months

Pivdenny GOK (PivdGOK) or Southern Mining and Beneficiation Plant from Kryvy Rih in Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region raised sinter production 17.9% year-on-year in January-July to 3.136 million tonnes. Iron ore concentrate production rose 1.7% to 5.11 million tonnes. The Pivdenny mill produced 466,000 tonnes of sinter and 743,000 tonnes of concentrate in July. It is controlled on a parity basis by the Dnipropetrovsk-based Privat Group and Zaporizhia-based Smart group.

Poltavsky GOK boosts pellet production 14.4% in 7 months

Poltava GOK (PGOK), Ukraine's biggest iron ore pellet producer, raised commercial pellet production tentatively 14.4% year-on-year to 5.39 million tonnes. Iron ore concentrate production grew 15.5% to 6.182 million tonnes. PGOK produced 737,000 tonnes of pellets and 889,000 tonnes of concentrate in July. PGOK exports most of its pellets. The company ships around 10% of its pellets to China. PGOK's main customers are located in Austria, Poland, Romania, the Czech Republic, the former Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Italy. Domestic market sales started to increase in the second half of 2006. Switzerland's Ferrexpo AG owns 85.8% of PGOK.

Pivnichny GOK boosts pellet production 13.1% in 7 months

System Capital Management's Northern Mining and Beneficiation Plant or Pivnichny GOK raised commercial pellet production 13.1% year-on-year in January-July to 6.333 million tonnes. Iron ore concentrate output rose 12.8% to 7.727 million tonnes. Pivnichny GOK produced 881,000 tonnes of pellets and 1.087 million tonnes of concentrate in July. Pivnichny GOK raised commercial pellet production 33.9% in 2006 to 10.107 million tonnes. Iron ore concentrate output jumped 12% to 11.956 million tonnes.

Sukha Balka edges iron ore output down 1.6% in 7 months

Sukha Balka, an iron ore producer from Kryvy Rih in Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region, produced 1.724 million tonnes of iron ore in January-July, down 1.6% year-on-year, including 240,000 tonnes in July. The Privat Group of Dnipropetrovsk controls Sukha Balka.

Tsentralny GOK boosts pellet output 3.6% in 7 months

SCM's Tsentralny GOK or Central Mining and Beneficiation Plant raised pellet output 3.6% year-on-year in January-July to 1.31 million tonnes. Concentrate production rose 5.2% to 3.426 million tonnes. Tsentralny GOK produced 204,000 tonnes of pellets and 500,000 tonnes of concentrate in July. The Metinvest holding runs SCM's iron ore producers.

Zaporizhia Iron Ore Combine raised iron ore production 3.6% in 7 months

Zaporizhia Iron Ore Combine, a Ukrainian-Slovak joint venture in Zaporizhia region, raised production of market iron ore 3.6% year-on-year in January-July to 2.581 million tonnes, including 374,000 tonnes in July. The company mines the Yuzhno-Bilozirske and Pereverzivske iron ore deposits and is thinking of building a new mine to increase production. The company's main shareholders are Minerfin of Slovakia and Zaporizhstal, one of Ukraine's largest steel companies.