



Venue: Radisson SAS Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan

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## 17 March, Wednesday

**09:00 Coffee and registration**

**09:30 Keynote addresses**

**10:00 Session 1: Mining in Central Asia Mining – Regulatory, Investment and Economic Developments**

*A panel consisting of government representatives, legal advisers and senior mining executives will provide update on recent developments effecting foreign investment in mining in Central Asia.*

- How the global financial crisis has reshaped mining and investment landscape in Central Asia?
- What measures are the Governments in Central Asia taking to stabilise Mining Industry affected by the global financial crisis. Government purchase of mining rights. Practical implications.
- Latest regulatory guidelines for foreign investments in the exploration and mining sector. Mining & exploration tender practices applicable to foreign investors.
- Exploration and Mining licence issuance practices in Kazakhstan and Central Asia.
- Impact of new Tax regulation on Mining and Metallurgical Businesses in Kazakhstan.
- Environmental norms and requirements for mining and exploration.
- Development of mining infrastructure in Kazakhstan and Central Asian republics.
- Government guidelines on preparation of feasibility studies for mining exploration and mine planning.

**11:30 Coffee break**

**12:00 Session 2: Managing mining business through crisis: challenges and opportunities in Central Asia**

*A panel of senior mining executives of major Kazakh and International Mining Companies active in Central Asia on mining and investment strategies in current economic climate.*

- What business strategies and processes a mining company must implement in order to ensure its survival in today's market and growth in the future?
- Delivering shareholder value and growth of mining company in current market.
- Implementing cost management and operational efficiency across mining business.
- Operating in a buyer's market. Ensuring longer-term sustainability.
- Exploring strategic alliances, acquisitions and partnerships in Central Asia.
- Defining the silver lining – how to identify and realise opportunities?

**13:30 Lunch**

**14:30 Session 3: Uranium mining – cooperation opportunities in the nuclear fuel sector of Kazakhstan**

*A panel of senior mining executives of Kazakh and International Uranium mining companies will speak about latest developments in unlocking Kazakhstan's uranium natural resources and developing strategic alliances to enhance economic efficiency and growth of Kazakhstan's uranium mining industry.*

- Expanding role of Kazakhstan in the world's uranium resources
- The uranium exploration and mining opportunities in Kazakhstan
- Uranium mining licensing in Kazakhstan.
- The role of Kazatomprom and its foreign partners in enhancing development of uranium exploration, mining and sustainable supply to the global markets
- Opportunities for use of new technologies to increase economic efficiency of uranium mining

**16:30 Coffee**



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**17:00 Session 4: Business and cost optimization of mining project. Practical considerations.**

- Techniques for cutting or deferring costs
- Distinguishing between fat and muscle – how to cut one and not the other
- Case studies

**18:30 – 21:00 Gala dinner**

**18 March, Thursday**

**09:30 Welcome coffee**

**10:00 Session 5: Securing capital and investment in today's markets**

*A mixed panel of mining CFOs, financiers and business consultants will be discussing practices for securing capital in metals & mining sector in today's markets.*

- How can mining companies obtain finance and restructure debts in current markets?
- Mining investors' portfolio in 2009/10. What opportunities are investors are looking for?
- Challenges of raising capital for ongoing mining operations in Central Asia. What do companies need to do to raise capital in today's markets?
- What markets and financial instruments are currently offering juniors and high-potentials the best access to strategic investors and capital?
- How do International Financial Institutions consider mining and metal finance projects?
- Current environmental issues associated with international financing of mining projects.
- When will be the optimal time to return to the domestic and international capital markets?
- The growing role of private equity in a distressed mining economy.

**11:15 Coffee break**

**11:45 Session 6: Resources/reserves estimation – new developments**

- Adaptation of mineral resource estimation to international standards. Experiences of alignment of national standards in the CIS and CRIRSCO-compliant reporting codes.
- Presenting block models for GKZ's approval. Current experiences.
- Current experiences of time, effort and experience of creating a block model and switching from manual planning methods to computerised methods.

**13:00 Lunch**

**14:00 Session 7: Mining project evaluation. Ensuring projects are economic.**

- How computerised geological modelling can identify ways to cut or defer costs
- Optimising projects
- How to ensure projects are robust before you invest

**15:30 Coffee break**



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**16:00 Session 8: Environmental and technical safety of Mining Central Asia**

**Session host: ERM Eurasia**

- Current environmental and social issues
- Environmental issues associated with international financing of mining projects.
- Implementation of the international environmental requirements in the mining companies: case studies
- Evaluation of environmental impact of mining. Case studies.

**17:30 – 19:00 Drinks reception**

**19 March, Friday**

**MINEX CENTRAL ASIA MASTER CLASSES**

**09:30 Master class: Optimisation of Mining Operations**

(Host: SRK Consulting)

- Introduction to Mining Business Improvement – mapping the steps to increased profits through enhanced operating practices.
- Management Operating Processes and Systems – the tools and how they can be applied to run your business effectively.
- Geological modelling – a discussion of the merits of computerised orebody modelling.
- Mine dewatering - the advantages of computerised hydrogeological modelling.

**11:00 Coffee break**

**11:30 Master class: Optimisation of Mining Operations**

(Host: SRK Consulting)

- Geotechnical Risk Management as a means of maximising the value of your operation. The presentation will focus on probabilistic slope design methods and 'real time' slope monitoring technology.
- Strategic Mine Planning. A discussion on the value that can be gained from flexible mine planning to meet changes in the business environment.
- Mine Optimisation and Reconciliation for Enhanced Mine Performance. The presentation will examine key areas to improve efficiency, increase productivity and reduce costs.

**09:30 Master class: Managing Mining company in current economic climate**

(Host: PricewaterhouseCoopers)

- How to manage your profitability in a downturn
- Managing liquidity in a credit squeeze
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 Master class: Managing Mining company in current economic climate (Host: PricewaterhouseCoopers)
- IPO/Strategic Partners/Private/Placements: How and when to raise funds?
- Your tax charge and the new tax code in Kazakhstan

**13:00 Lunch**