



MMC NORILSK NICKEL AND RUSSIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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On May 10, 2016, an official ceremony of signing a partnership agreement between the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) and MMC Norilsk Nickel was held in Sochi, in Russian International Olympic University (RIOU). The ROC President, Alexander Zhukov, and President of MMC Norilsk Nickel, Vladimir Potanin signed the document.

As a partner of the Russian Olympic Committee and the Russian Olympic team, Norilsk Nickel will contribute to the development of Olympic educational programs, such as training of homegrown sports professionals under the auspices of Russian International Olympic University, as well as preparing of Russian athletes for the XXXI Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro (August 5-21, 2016) and for the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang (South Korea). The company will also support the ROC national project *Russian Team*, aimed at uniting all the national team athletes and their fans under the colors of the Russian flag.

Norilsk Nickel is involved in national and socially significant projects. The Company was the ROC and the Russian Olympic team general partner at the Olympic Games in Sochi in 2014. As an extension of its social policy, the company provides support to high performance sport, the development of mass sports in its operation regions, and of student and youth sports activities.

The ROC President, Alexander Zhukov: “We are very pleased that Norilsk Nickel, which traditionally provides comprehensive support to socially important, cultural and sports projects, becomes a new partner of the Russian Olympic Committee. I am convinced that our cooperation, which is intended to develop and promote mass and amateur sports in Russia and to ensure Russian athletes training for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and Pyeongchang, will be the most effective. Furthermore, the interaction between the ROC and MMC Norilsk Nickel provides plenty of opportunities for the implementation of Olympic educational programs under the auspices of the Russian International Olympic University. Training of qualified personnel, including sports managing and administrative staff, is one of the Olympic Committee’s key objectives in the field of the Olympic education, and an essential component for the full use of the rich Olympic legacy, which is to be further developed and to provide benefit for future generations.”

MMC Norilsk Nickel President, Vladimir Potanin: “As the largest socially responsible Russian company, Norilsk Nickel traditionally provides support to important sports projects aimed at the mass sports and healthy lifestyle promotion. I am certain that the olympism development is the only right way to complete these tasks on a whole country scale. As someone who has spearheaded the establishment of RIOU, I am highly delighted that its unique scientific and technical facilities will provide the basis for sports education development in Russia and the assistance for the construction of new sports infrastructure, not only in our country but in the whole world as well.”

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The Russian Olympic Committee is a governing body of Olympic movement within the country; it hosts the largest official Olympic events and represents Russia on the global stage: in relations with the International Olympic Committee, international sports federations and national Olympic committees around the world. The ROC also provides financing to all-Russian sports federations. In accordance with the state policy of the Russian Federation in the field of physical culture and sports, as well as with the IOC Charter, the ROC annually implements a range of national projects and programs related to the development of mass, youth and amateur sports. The total number of participants in the 2015 All-Russia Olympic Day amounted to approximately 2.4 million people, and over a million participants attended Winter Sports Day. Hundreds of thousands of children and adults across the country joined the ROC traditional projects, *Olympic Patrol* and *Olympic Changes*, and over 150 Olympic champions and medalists took part in these activities. www.olympic.ru

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Russian International Olympic University was established on 21 October, 2009 under the Memorandum of Understanding between the International Olympic Committee, the Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee and the Russian Olympic Committee, as well as under RF government decree No. 774. The founders of the University are the Ministry of Sports of the Russian Federation, the Russian Olympic Committee and Interros Group. The Chairman of the RIOU Board of Trustees is the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin. RIOU's activities concentrate on training specialists in sports management for Russian and international sports industry, and the Olympic and Paralympic Movements. The university's main educational product is a one-year Master of Sport Administration (MSA) course. RIOU is the main humanitarian legacy of the Sochi Olympic Games. www.olympicuniversity.ru