THE COMPANY'S HISTORY

1935-1959

CREATION AND EVOLUTION OF NORILSK PLANT

In 1935, the USSR Council of People's Commissars resolved to build Norilsk Plant. The first batch of converter matte was produced in 1942, with Norilsk Plant opening a Nickel Tankhouse in 1943. In 1953, Norilsk was granted the status of a town, with Norilsk Plant producing 35% of nickel, 12% of copper, 30% of cobalt and 90% of platinum group metals (PGM) of the Soviet Union's total output. The company's history

1960-1992

NEW DEPOSITS DEVELOPED AND NEW FACILITIES PUT ONLINE

The Talnakhskoye deposit, the world's largest deposit of copper-nickel ores, was discovered in 1960, giving a new lease on life to Norilsk Plant. The construction of mines and the town of Talnakh started on the Taimyr Peninsula. The Oktyabrskoye deposit of copper-nickel ores was discovered in 1965. Nadezhda Metallurgical Plant and the 1st Stage of Talnakh Concentrator were put on stream in 1981.

1993-2012

TRANSFORMATION IN A MARKET ECONOMY

In 1993, the Russian President signed an Executive Order to transform the Norilsk Nickel State Concern for the Production of Precious and Non-Ferrous Metals into Russian Joint Stock Company (RJSC) Norilsk Nickel for the Production of Precious and Non-Ferrous Metals. In 2001. the Company was restructured, with shareholders of RJSC Norilsk Nickel exchanging 96.9% of their stock to shares in MMC Norilsk Nickel. The Company shares were listed on the RTS and MICEX stock exchanges, while the Company started the issuance of Level-1 American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) with MMC Norilsk Nickel shares as the underlying asset.

