

## Sofia Engineering Launched

As of November 1st Sofia Engineering Ltd. launches its independent activity. The company has already been registered in court; its Directors Council has been appointed. It includes Emil Dimitrov, Dimitar Radulov, Nair Biju, Todor Chobanov, and Yordan Chipev.



The manager of the company will be eng. Emil Dimitrov who has acted as Chief Director of the Repair & Maintenance department until now. In the assets of the new company are included the repair units of Kremikovtzi

- the BRME, the RMP, the BREE, and other. At the moment the personnel of the new company is being

manned with accountants, planners, and other experts. The main staff available from the existing

units has been preserved. At the beginning of November Sofia Engineering starts functioning according to the market principles and Kremikovtzi will pay for its services. All sites and activities that are under execution at the moment will be done by the new company as they have been done before the outsourcing by the old units. The main job of the new company will be repairs and maintenance of machinery and equipment, construction, installation, design and executing of new projects in Kremikovtzi and outside the plant.

## We Wish You A Very Happy Diwali!



The management of the company and the employees of Kremikovtzi send their dearest greetings to their Indian colleagues for the forthcoming holiday Diwali. The holiday of the light is celebrated in India as a holiday of health, prosperity and home. We wish you to have a Happy Diwali!

## The Company Will Continue To Work as Usual

On October 30th during a meeting the Ministry of Environment and Water (MEW) announced that the 150 companies, including Kremikovtzi AD, will receive their complex permits after the Executive Agency for Environment Preservation of the MEW analyzes and goes through all procedures provided by the law. During the meeting Mr. Chavdar Georgiev, Deputy minister of MEW, informed that all new members of the EU from South-East Europe have been given some more time. The reason is the enormous amount of information that is to be analyzed by experts. Kremikovtzi AD has completed all the requirements of the MEW and is waiting for the official statement of the Ministry. No additional questions, remarks and recommendations to Kremikovtzi AD within the term given were sent by the ministry.

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## Kremikovtzi remains without the complex permit for now

Another 150 companies are waiting for the cherished document, delay was reported

The final date given, October 30th, by which the Ministry of Environment and Water was to issue complex permits to the companies polluting the environment, has expired.

What is happening with the cherished document decisive for the faith of about 150 companies?

"There is a delay in the initial issuing of the complex permits. The main reason is that it is a hard and labor-consuming process. There is a delay in almost all member states in the EU", says Mr. Charvar Georgiev, deputy minister of environment and water. At the same time the administration is consider-



ing changes in permits already issued. Mr. Georgiev also explained that procedures were started for issuing of permits for new companies that are usually first-class investors and law provides them with priority of summary procedures. Processing the three types of procedures simultaneously, he said, was hard and labor-consuming. Up to the moment 29 companies from the energy sector have received their permits; there is 1 refusal as well. Twenty-four companies from the metallurgic sector got the permit, while 3 did not receive it. Among these three is Kremikovtzi's document from April. Out of totally 230 installations 150 have received the permit and 80 - not. The municipal waste depots documents are yet to be considered. Documentation about changes in permits already issued is also under consideration. Among them is

the permit of Lukoil Neftochim Bougras that has been issued in 2004. It was updated in 2006 but now the company is building new installations.

Among the most discussed companies is Kremikovtzi AD. According to experts from the company, though, it did observe all the legal terms and requirements.

Two days ago the company stopped one of the greatest polluting installations in the plant - Converter No 1. The old Electric Furnace No 3 is also to be stopped. In July that the company announced full monitoring on the fulfillment of its ecology program that provided BGN 308,000,000 of investments and was scheduled to be finished in 2011.

### Visit in the Technical University of Sofia



## We Are Waiting for the New Generation

Mrs. Mita Jha, HR Director of Kremikovtzi AD, and a team of experts from the company will visit the Technical University of Sofia for the Career Days organized on November 7th.

Mrs. Jha outlined the priorities of the management of the company for the discussion on November 7th that include attraction of young engineers, systematization of the relations with universities and high schools, coordination of experts preparation, etc. Mrs. Jha and the experts from Kremikovtzi will actively participate in the discussions with students and teachers from the university. Also, they will meet the management of the university to discuss how to strengthen the cooperation between the company and the university. The Technical University of Sofia is one of the universities Kremikovtzi relies on the most for the preparation of qualified young engineers.

## Crystallizers in Continuous Casters Repair Is Going Three Times Faster

The technical team from the Mechanical Department of the Continuous Casters achieved to reduce the repair time of the crystallizers of the Continuous Casters machinery three times. The experts were congratulated by the management and the TPM managers.

We save between 50 and 60 minutes from the repair time of the crystallizers by



reducing the check time, which actually is three

times less time, eng. Ivan Buserski, a mechanic engaged in the repair in Continuous Casters, says. We already have visual control and damaged sections are easier to find, he adds. The reduced repair time directly reflects the effective working time of the machinery. This is the main benefit from the development. Calculated in tones of slabs production the effect of it increases enormously.

### Metal News

#### Markets

### NDRC: Steel Prices Will Continue to Grow in October

According to National Development & Reform Committee (NDRC) Chinese steel products prices have shown tendency to raise in September and this is to continue in October too. After NDRC monitored steel markets of 30 provinces in China, the data collected showed that prices in September were stable with a tendency to go up. The average price of the main steel products has been Yu 4484 per tone, which is 3.70 per cent higher than levels in August and 13.79 per cent more than levels in 2006. Construction steel prices report the greatest increase to the level of Yuan 3973 per tone, which is 5.57 per cent more than August level and 26.11 per cent more than last year.

#### Companies

### Congo Becomes Big Iron Ore Exporter

Irsteel.com informs that British Mining Projects Development Congo Branch (MPDC) has established the biggest iron-ore company in the Republic of Congo that can make the country one of the biggest exporters of this material. The companies of MPDC are situated in the region of Zanaga. The reserves of the material there are valued at 500 million tones.

#### Austria

### Voest-Alpine Raises Sales to EUR 15 Billion

The Austrian steel producer Voest-Alpine AG intends to raise its steel sales to the level of EUR 15 billion for the next 5 years thanks to the deal with Boehler Uddeholm AG. According to Wolfgang Eder, Executive Director of the company, "our EBIT profit will raise by 10 - 15 per cent for the next five years". For this year only the sales have increased to the amount of EUR 11 billion, while last year they were EUR 7.049 billion. The profits [before taxation] will rise to EUR 1.3 billion, he explained. As is known, last month Voest-Alpine bought 79.2 per cent of the shares of Boehler Uddeholm.

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## New heights

October turned out to be the most successful month for the shares of Kremikovtzi AD ever. On October 31st the shares of the company reached BGN 35.30 per share, which is 12.52 per cent more than the day before. Analysts say it is a signal that the shares of Kremikovtzi will continue the tendency of sustainable growth. They also remind the shares started at level of BGN 13.40 in the beginning of August while today they have reached levels around BGN 40, which means they have grown by 250 per cent!