## MINERAL RESOURCES

## Diamond Mine Drilling Ahead of Schedule

The shaft at the Internatsionalnyi diamond mine has been drilled down to 1,000 metres by the team of L. Usachev from the Yakutsk mining division of the Shakhtospetsstroi trust. In spite of unfavourable conditions, the drilling is ahead of schedule. This is accounted for by the application of modern work methods and strict technological measures. The projected depth of the mine is about 1,070 metres. The miners intend to reach it before the opening of the 19th party conference.

Ahead of the schedule are also the stripping operations at the Yubileinaya shaft, not far from which Aikhal, the town of diamond miners, is being built.

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