

"The seamen proposed that we move the cargo by helicopter to Cape Nikolai. But the economists calculated that under the existing conditions it would require almost a hundred days for the unloading. The idle time of one ship costs more than 10,000 rubles per day; and this is not taking into account the payment for helicopter time. Each tonne of cement would have cost a bit more than 300 rubles. Our partners now place the blame on cyclones, frosts, and even on shallow draft. Didn't the seamen have navigational charts? Surely they must have known about the shallow water at the approached to Anadyr? The end result stares you in the face: we did not receive the shipment that was ordered. Now this indispensable cement, without which construction will come to a halt, must be delivered by aircraft from Magadan..."

V. Pshonyanik, Deputy Director,  
"Magadanenergostroi" [Magadan Construction and  
Installation of Thermoelectric Power Plants] Trust:

"We have no choice; we will have to ship the cement from the oblast center by aircraft. In order to last until maritime operations [begin again], we require at least 300 to 400 tonnes..."

S. Erkhan, Head, Anadyr Rural Construction  
Combine:

"We are currently outfitting a sled caravan to the settlement of Beringovskii. That means 300 solid kilometres of roadless country. Three convoys will be needed to deliver even 250 tonnes of cement..."

V. Shakirov, Head, Magadanglavsnab:

"We have no connection with that operation since the procurement was done by Soyuzglavtsement [Main Cement Administration] directly through 'Vladivostokstroisnabsbyt' [Vladivostok Administration for the Marketing of Building Materials]..."