

we thought: why not put our standard boring machines on rails?" says A. Naberezhnyi enthusiastically. "We could then move the two hundred ton machine from place to place without having to take it apart. According to our calculations, the entire operation would take 12 hours as opposed to the seven days it formerly required. Then, the "gaps" in the drilling would just about disappear. Eager to put the plan into action, the people didn't wait for help from the plant. They got some rails and pairs of wheels.

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Fuel from Condensate - Competing for the USSR State Prize

Scientists from Minneftegazstroi (Ministry of Construction for the Oil and Gas Industry), Mingazprom (Ministry of the Gas Industry) and Minkhimmash (Ministry of Chemical Industrial engineering) were nominated for the USSR State Prize in the field of Science and Technology for building the Gas Condensate Transportation and Processing Complex in the Tuymen' Region.

Two thirds of the hydrocarbon resources mined in the country today come from Western Siberia. Gas condensate makes up a significant portion of this - it is a most valuable raw material in the petro-chemical industry and fuel production. Suffice to say that a tonne of stable gas condensate is equivalent to two tonnes of petroleum.