

CONSTRUCTION

They Took the Initiative

Yesterday, on the eve of their professional holidays, approximately one hundred families of workers of the Murmansk Geological Prospecting Expedition received warrants for new apartments. The 119-unit apartment house, funded from oil workers' above-plan profits, was built for them by the Apatity Construction Trust (Apatitstroi) - one of the geologists' new business partners.

The transition to a complete self-supporting basis forced the Arctic geologists to find non-traditional sources of income. Of course, they did not have to change their way of working. For example, the expedition collective performed design and survey work on new construction units on behalf of the "Apatitstroi" Trust. As a result, the trust completed the documentation sooner, and the geologists added 700,000 rubles to their budget.

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Housing Needs in the Northern "South"

Developing housing and living conditions on the "northern model" is expensive, but in Vorkuta there are more than 30,000 people on the waiting list for an apartment - 20,000 of whom are retired workers (veterany).