
KYRGYZSTAN LAUNCHES UNDERGROUND GOLD MINING PROJECT AT KUMTOR

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Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov has launched an underground gold mining project at the Kumtor Gold Company during his working trip to the Issyk-Kul region, Trend reports via the presidential administration.

Zhaparov highlighted that the return of the Kumtor deposit to state ownership was one of the most significant events in the country's recent history. He stressed that the start of underground mining marks an important step toward protecting the environment and preserving glaciers.

According to the president, about 1,600 meters of tunnels have already been developed, and Kumtor is ready to extract high-grade ores with a gold content of more than 5 grams per ton. The underground project is expected to operate for 17 years, with reserves of 147 tons of gold placed on the state balance.

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