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On 14 March 2017, the President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP), Alexander Shokhin, presented awards to some of Russia's largest companies, winners of the annual 'Russian Business Leaders: Dynamics and Responsibility' competition. In addition to SUEK, winners included Severstal, Norilsk Nickel, Evraz Holding, RusHydro, and Sakhalinenergo, amongst others.

The annual award ceremony held by the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs took place within the framework of the Russian Business Week, one of the country's largest and most influential economic forums. The event brings together representatives of the business community, government leaders, heads of ministries and departments, as well as key experts to discuss essential current issues, while fostering a constructive dialogue between the public and private sectors.

This year SUEK received an award in the category 'For high quality reporting in the field of sustainable development'. Alexander Shokhin presented the honorary award to SUEK Deputy CEO Sergei Grigoriev.

In an interview with journalists at the end of the ceremony, Sergey Grigoriev said: "Today's large-scale Russian business is characterised by its continuous development in tandem with the country's economy, an active participation in social development and a dynamic interaction with society coupled with a deep involvement in addressing socio-economic issues. This is what defines the concept of responsibility. SUEK is the country's leading coal company and the most important taxpayer, employer, and guarantor of economic development and social stability in almost a dozen Russian regions. As such, one of our strategic priorities is the comprehensive development of the regions where we have a presence and the improvement of quality of life in our territories. This is an important factor in the long-term development of both our company and the regions. We are very pleased to see SUEK's activities in the field of sustainable development highly valued and supported!"

The national competition 'Russian Business Leaders: Dynamics and Responsibility' is the most prestigious competition for assessing the progress of economic and social development of domestic companies. SUEK has been repeatedly praised at the Contest, including in the categories of: 'For contribution to the solution of social problems of territories', 'For high corporate social responsibility', and 'For social support programmes for families', amongst others.

SUEK is one of Russia's leaders in corporate social responsibility and charity activity. In 2016 alone, SUEK implemented approximately 150 social and charity projects in the regions of its presence. The company's social investments amounted to \$15m. SUEK's social policy is underpinned by the drive for a comprehensive improvement in the quality of life in the regions where it operates.

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