



Welcome Message to the participants of the 18th International Exhibition Lesdrevmash 2020

Dear organisers, exhibitors and visitors to Lesdrevmash 2020, On behalf of the Drevmash Russian Association of Organisations and Enterprises of Woodworking Machine Building let me welcome and congratulate you on the opening of the 18th edition of the International Exhibition for Machinery, Equipment and Technology for Logging, Woodworking and Furniture Industries – Lesdrevmash 2020.

In the conditions of the COVID-2019 pandemic, the Lesdrevmash 2020 exhibition is of special importance for the promotion of the products of the Russian Forest Machinery Sector as a group of enterprises and manufacturers of products and services in the field of technological equipment for forestry, forest management, logging, forest transportation, woodworking, forest monitoring, prevention and extinguishing of forest fires (products in the field of machinery and equipment for the forest sector). The management and employees of EXPOCENTRE AO inspire sincere respect both for holding this exhibition in conditions of epidemiological restrictions and for dedication and responsibility shown to the participants and visitors of the exhibition. Special gratitude shall be expressed to the Exhibition Operating Management and Heavy Industries Exhibitions Division for their determination and loyalty to their professional duty.

On October 20, 2020 the Drevmash Association will organise the 2nd Forum on Forestry Machine Building of Russia, supported by EXPOCENTRE AO, Committee on Economic Policy, Industry, Innovation Development and Entrepreneurship of the State Duma of the Russian Federal Assembly, and the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade.

We have invited to participate in it about 450 enterprises and organisations of the Russian forest machine building sector and a number of relevant state authorities, universities and non-profit organisations of the Russian forest sector. The invitation to participate in the Forum has been sent to 541 addresses.

The Forum is conditioned by the unacceptably high level of import dependence of the country's economy on machinery and equipment for the forest sector and the need to take systematic measures to develop the Russian forest machine building industry. According to the Strategy for the Development of the Forestry Sector of the Russian Federation until 2030, the Russian market demand for woodworking equipment and logging machinery is satisfied by domestic manufacturers by no more than 10 and 7% respectively.

By 2030, a significant increase in annual investment in the forest sector's machinery is expected (estimated from 28 to 58 billion rubles by 2030 in constant prices), so the development of import substitution of forest machinery products becomes particularly important. In order to develop the forest machine building sector in Russia as a whole, it is necessary to consolidate the efforts of all enterprises, organisations and state authorities interested in it.

The objective of the Forum on Forestry Machine Building 2020 is to assess the condition and develop recommendations for the development of production and import substitution of products and services in the field of machinery and equipment for the forest sector in Russia. Effective implementation of the Forum decisions will increase the contribution of the entire Russian forest engineering sector to the further development of the country's economy.

Let me wish the organisers, exhibitors and visitors of Lesdrevmash 2020 effective cooperation in the largest forest sector exhibition in Russia, the CIS and Eastern Europe.

Vladimir Gorbenko
Director General
Drevmash Association

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