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## HAPPY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY TO OUR YOUNG KYRGYZSTANIS!

Ahead of International Children's Day, Kumtor Company sent its gifts to the young residents in Jety-Oguz and Ton districts and the city of Balykchy. The event was organized for children from low-income families, disabled children and also children in Issyk-Kul rehabilitation centers and orphanages.



Company employees delivered gifts and personally greeted the little Issyk-Kul residents. The gifts included educational toys and stationery. Puzzles depicting red-listed animals, maps of Kyrgyzstan, alphabets and pictures of animals that are found in Kyrgyzstan were specially designed by the Bugu Ene organization.



Also, Kumtor employees visited the Khadicha orphanage located in the village of Kaji-Sai, Ton district. Painting and handiwork master classes were followed by a picnic organized for all participants in the event.



Kumtor Gold Company gives much attention to the development of the intellectual potential of Issyk-Kul young people and supports, initiatives designed to provide training to school children and university students, and develop the sports potential of young people and promote healthy and active lifestyles across the region. Annually, it contributes funds for renovation of educational institutions and sport clubs as well as supports annual Graeco-Roman wrestling championships, volleyball tournaments, football matches and more. The Company builds playgrounds for pre-school children and modern soccer fields for football aficionados.

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## HELPING ISSYK-KUL FARMERS IN PREPARATIONS FOR IRRIGATION SEASON



Four daily runoff ponds and a water reservoir have been rebuilt before the start of irrigation in the Jety-Oguz and Ton districts, Issyk-Kul province, with the support of Kumtor Company. The budget of the project is estimated at \$173,545.

Mining equipment was used to implement this project. Cleaning operations were completed within 48 working days. They allowed farmers

both to increase irrigation water volume and significantly expand areas under irrigation.

No mechanical cleaning had been carried out in the villages of Darkhan and Saruu since the 1980s. As the result of the project, 36,000 m<sup>3</sup> of soil has been cleaned at Darkhan and 27,000 m<sup>3</sup> of silt and soil at Saruu. 43,500 m<sup>3</sup> was removed during cleaning operations of a water reservoir at Chon Kyzyl-Suu.

Massive cleaning operations were carried out at Tort-Kul, Ton district, where 118,000 m<sup>3</sup> of silt and soil was removed.

At the village of Eshero, Ton district, cleaning operations at daily runoff ponds were also supported by Kumtor Company which contributed 1,500 liters of Diesel fuel. Work was done by the local communities with the support of other donors, too.

## FIVE NEW CURRANTS CULTIVARS DISTRIBUTED TO ISSYK-KUL PROVINCE RESIDENTS



On May 1, 2015, seedlings were distributed to Toru-Aigyry community, Issyk-Kul Province, under the Karagat Plus Program financed by Kumtor Gold Company and implemented by the AVEP Public Fund.

All in all, 5,500 seedlings of currants cultivars, new in this region, were provided to the total value of over 490,000 soms. The samples were distributed to four Issyk-Kul nursery gardens, 15 horticulturists involved in the program, the seed-trial Board and social development departments of five district administrations.

The new cultivars were brought for tests and if found well adapted will be recommended by the Kyrgyz Association of Nursery Gardens for growing throughout Issyk-Kul Province. Experts are expected to appraise the cultivars for yield capacity and freezing tolerance.

## KGC INFORMATION CENTER MOVED TO KYZYL-SUU, JETY-OGUZ DISTRICT

Since April 2015, the Regional Information Center of Kumtor Gold Company for the Jety-Oguz District will be based in the premises of the Kyzyl-Suu Village Administration. The Center is open to visitors Monday through Friday from 9.00 till 17.00.

Public relations are seen by Kumtor Gold Company as one of the most important channels of communication with regional communities. Its previous location at Barskoon had been found inconvenient as it was far removed from most communities, residents being forced to travel a long distance to get to the Center. In response to public requests, the Company has decided to relocate the Center to the district center.

## THE SMALL GRANT BIDDING AND SELECTION PROCESS HAS STARTED!

The call for small grant proposals has been announced within the framework of the 'YouthBanks in Issyk-Kul Oblast' and 'Young Entrepreneurs' projects implemented by Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) with the financial support of Kumtor. The grants are aimed to support the realization of business and social development projects. Application forms are available on the EFCA website.

For more information please call:  
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This year the Karagat FEST annual festival of fruits and berries will take place in Tyup region in August. We will be happy to see you all there!



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## MINI-FOOTBALL FIELD BUILT AT TILEKMAT, JETY-OGUZ DISTRICT



A mini-football field, built with the support of Kumtor Gold Company, was officially inaugurated in the village of Tilekmat, Jety-Oguz district, last week. The official ceremony was attended by representatives of the Company, local authorities, village council of elders, head of the Issyk-Kul Football Federation, local residents and journalists.

As part of the official program, a first match took place on the new field to open a new football season. A special cup was handed to the winners while other teams were given soccer balls as consolation prizes. The cup will be a challenging prize and a symbol of the first mini-football field ever built in

the Jety-Oguz district. The Company contributed more than 1.9 million Soms to the construction project while the local community's contribution was 300,000 Soms.

*"I'm delighted to see that Kumtor Gold Company makes such a serious investment in the development of sports in the Issyk-Kul region. Hopefully, this mini-football field will help promote healthy life-styles among young people and give an impetus to football activities in rural areas. The Company's sponsorship allowed our football players to successfully represent the Issyk-Kul Federation and beat the multiple champion, Abdish-Ata team, last year,"* — said head of the Issyk-Kul Football Federation Almaz Usupov.

*"All neighboring communities were happy to learn that a new mini-football field was built at Tilekmat. Hopefully, our village constituency team can represent Kyrgyzstan at an international level soon,"* — said head of the Ak-Dobo village administration Arif Sabyrbayev.

## BARSKOON KINDERGARTEN EQUIPPED WITH NEW FURNITURE

The kindergarten in the village of Barskoon, Jety-Oguz district, can provide room for 140 children since the spring of 2015. Kumtor Gold Company has contributed more than 660,000 Soms for its equipment with new furniture.

With the Company's support, the kindergarten has purchased new furniture, thus increasing the number of children that can be educated there. The new furniture, including wardrobes, tables and chairs, were manufactured by the local Jety-Oguz contractor.

*"Previously, the kindergarten could provide care for only 70 children*



*while today their number is twice as great. Aid provided by the gold mining company came to us as great relief. I would like to thank the Company for support on behalf of all Barskoon residents,"* — said Ruslan Eshmambetov, the head of the Barskoon village administration.

## ORGANIZED CLEANUP ACTION ON BALKYCHY BEACHES



A "Welcome Summer" event took place in Balykchy on May 25, 2015, which included a cleanup action on two public beaches in the neighborhood of Balykchy. The event was organized by Kumtor Gold Company with the support of the Generation NEXT youth association, Balykchy City Hall, local school students and Company employees.

Approximately 200 volunteers took part in the action. Schoolchildren, Company employees and City Hall officials picked a truckful of litter. A flash mob was organized by the children as part of the event with the most active of them receiving prizes and gifts from the Company, including thank-you letters, various books and stationery.

The cleanup event was followed by a picnic. In an informal atmosphere, teachers and schoolchildren got replies to their questions about Company activities, plans and projects intended to support youth initiatives.

*"The Balykchy City Hall views it as a very important action to forge partnership with Company representatives based in our city. We are always happy to support events designed to improve our home city. Kumtor Company has supported the city residents for years, and we are pleased to see the Company initiating this joint cleanup event on the municipal beaches,"* — said Begaim Algojoyeva, Balykchy Vice Mayor, Social Sector.



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# SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND RECLAMATION PROGRAM



Kumtor is carrying out a land reclamation program at the mine. As part of the program, the company conducts field expeditions to the mine and high-mountain valleys. The aim of the expeditions is to determine the vegetation species suitable for the recultivation works at the Kumtor mine.

The examination of the mine's vegetation and topsoil has been done by the members of the Skryabin Kyrgyz National Agrarian University in cooperation with the company's Environment Department. The Agrarian University has been monitoring the soil at the mine since 2012.

The scientific program on the most effective recultivation methods has included the collection of local plants and seeds, and the opening of test sites with different soil conditions.

Seeds were collected at the mine and its adjacencies. In 2014, field expeditions were arranged to the

pastures of the Suusamy, Jumgal, and Kara-Kujur valleys, the climate conditions of which were most similar to the ones observed at the mine. At the test sites the researchers have checked soil composition, defined the types of plants with the highest germinative power and resistance to severe weather conditions, and determined seeding norms, time, and the necessity of fertilizer application.

The researchers have identified three types of plants from high-mountain valleys that can be used in the land reclamation at the mine. They are sheep's fescue, slender wheatgrass, and wild rye. All in all, about 115 cultures grow on the mine and its surrounding region.

The research continues and more extensive results will be presented in future.

## For reference:

Land reclamation is a set of operations aimed at improving environmental conditions and restoration of productivity of land after mining. After all the work is done, the reclaimed land and its surrounding areas should become an optimally organized and balanced stable landscape.

The most recent life-of-mine plan is for milling operations to conclude in 2026. The priorities of the Final Closure Plan are ensuring protection of public health and safety and returning the land to suitable post-mining land use. In 1995, Kumtor established a reclamation trust fund to accrue cash funds for mine closure liabilities. This is funded by sales revenue, annually in arrears. As of December 31, 2014 the balance in the fund was \$15.9 million, with the remaining \$33.3 million to be funded over the life of the mine.



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