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FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS FOR ENHANCING THE INVESTMENT ATTRACTIVENESS OF MINING INDUSTRY ENTERPRISES

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Abstract
This paper analyses the investment attractiveness of mining enterprises through the interrelationship between capital structure, financial stability, production efficiency and corporate governance. Using JSC Almalyk Mining and Metallurgical Complex as a case study, it examines financing sources and economic indicators and substantiates directions for applying a recursive mechanism to promote investment attractiveness.

Keywords: mining industry, investment attractiveness, capital structure, financial stability, recursive mechanism, corporate governance.

Introduction and Research Objective

Large capital outlays, lengthy development periods and dependence on the resource base complicate investment decisions in the mining industry. Although mineral reserves are important to investors, investment recovery also depends on production capacity, costs, management quality and the ability to control risks. Investment attractiveness should therefore be assessed as an economic category that brings together several aspects of enterprise performance.

In N. N. Zikrillayev's research, enhancing investment attractiveness is linked to optimising capital structure, modernising fixed assets, supporting innovation and developing strategic management [1, Figure 7]. This approach allows investment

attraction to be organised as a continuous process of enterprise development rather than as a separate financial measure.

The objective of this paper is to explain how financial and management instruments can be coordinated to enhance the investment attractiveness of mining enterprises, drawing on the findings presented in the dissertation abstract. The analysis employs a systems approach, comparative assessment and case study analysis. Its empirical basis consists of the performance indicators for 2023–2024 and the sources of investment financing reported in the abstract.

Analysis of Financial Results and Investment Sources

Investment attractiveness should be assessed by examining asset utilisation, liquidity, export performance and investment programme implementation alongside profit. Table 3 of the abstract reports that JSC Almalyk MMC achieved 106.4% of its net profit target, 111.1% of its export targets and 103.2% of its investment programme targets in 2024 [1]. These indicators measure performance against the respective plans; they should not be interpreted as year-on-year growth rates.

The same table records capacity utilisation of 77.56% in 2024. The coverage ratio declined from 1.617 in 2023 to 1.159 in 2024. Consequently, exceeding some targets does not automatically resolve issues concerning resource utilisation and the coverage of current liabilities. Investors need to analyse each component of stability separately, alongside overall performance.

According to Table 4 of the abstract, investment implemented in 2024 amounted to USD 1,943.9 million. Commercial bank loans accounted for USD 1,751.2 million, internally generated funds for USD 147.8 million, and loans from the Fund for Reconstruction and Development for USD 44.9 million. Calculations based on the table indicate that bank loans represented approximately 90.1% of

the total. This is the financing composition of investment in 2024 specifically; it should not be equated with the debt share of the enterprise's total capital.

Although loans allow large projects to be financed more rapidly, debt servicing costs and repayment schedules must be aligned with cash flows. Increasing investment volume therefore requires diversification of financing sources, consideration of when projects begin to generate income, and control of the debt burden. The principal purpose of financial analysis is to assess how funds translate into production results, rather than merely to record their volume.

Mechanism for Promoting Investment Attractiveness

The recursive mechanism proposed in the abstract envisages the results of management decisions feeding back into subsequent decisions [1, Figure 7]. For example, modernising fixed assets affects costs and production stability; these changes are reflected in financial results; financial results then help determine the scale and priorities of subsequent investment. Investment policy is thus not confined to a plan established only once.

The initial implementation stage involves diagnosing the enterprise's financial and production position. Loan maturities, interest expenses, capacity utilisation, the condition of fixed assets and investment project implementation are assessed together. The diagnosis should identify the constraint that adversely affects investment attractiveness and direct resources towards overcoming it.

The next stage aligns capital structure with the investment portfolio. For debt-financed projects, operating cash flows are compared with the debt repayment schedule. Internally generated funds are allocated with regard to project readiness, economic benefits and effects on enterprise liquidity. These recommendations translate the abstract's proposal to optimise capital structure into practical management decisions.

Modernisation and innovation link financial decisions with production results. Equipment replacement should take account not only of acquisition costs but also of repair expenses, energy consumption, downtime and product quality. Improving staff skills enables the use of new technologies, while strategic planning supports the coordinated allocation of enterprise resources among projects.

At the final stage, results are monitored and compared with the initial plan. Identified deviations provide a basis for reviewing the financing composition, project schedules or production objectives. This feedback is the defining feature of the recursive mechanism, aligning financial stability with investment growth.

Practical Recommendations and Conclusion

An integrated monitoring system covering financial and production indicators should be established to manage investment attractiveness. Net profit target achievement, liquidity, debt servicing, capacity utilisation and investment project implementation should each be tracked separately. Specifying the calculation method, data source and responsible unit for each indicator ensures that results can be compared consistently.

When selecting financing sources, it is advisable to use resources with maturities suited to the project's development period. Where reliance on credit is high, cash flow adequacy should be checked regularly and alternative financing options assessed. Sensitivity analysis of changes in product prices, costs and project schedules can help evaluate the prospects for investment recovery more accurately.

Corporate governance should provide investors with information that is understandable and verifiable. Consistent disclosure of financial statements, investment programme implementation and risks reduces information

asymmetry. Clearly assigning responsibility for economic results also strengthens management oversight of project implementation.

The case of JSC Almalyk MMC demonstrates that investment attractiveness cannot be assessed solely through funds raised or profit figures. The financing composition of investment, liquidity and capacity utilisation must be analysed together. The recursive mechanism presented in the abstract links capital structure optimisation, modernisation, staff capabilities and strategic management through performance monitoring. Its practical value lies in aligning investment growth with the enterprise's financial stability.

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