

# AMMC Field Excursion

Kalmakyr and Yoshlik-I Open Pits • Core Storage Facility • Geological Model of the Ore District

**#1**

in the world by  
gold content in copper  
ore

**#3**

in the world by volume  
of  
ore reserves (JORC)

**9 km**

length of the future  
unified open pit

GEOMIN 2026 • Almalyk, Tashkent Region • 65 km from Tashkent

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## Kalmakyr Open Pit Viewing Platform

- Panoramic view of the 3.7 × 1.7 km pit — one of the largest in Central Asia
- Depth of over 500 m — a breathtaking scale of mining operations
- Core samples from all AMMC sites are displayed at the platform
- Safety briefing and protective equipment are provided by the host

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## AMMC Core Storage Facility

- The first modern core sample archive in Uzbekistan
- 2 warehouses of 50×25 m — capacity of 60,000 core boxes
- Core from deposits: Kalmakyr, Yoshlik I, Angren, Chadak, Khandiza, etc.
- Core documentation to the JORC standard is available on request

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## AMMC Department of Resources and Mining

- A 2×2 m relief geological model of the Almalyk Ore District
- A collection of reference rock and ore samples from all deposits
- 3D digital resource models (JORC standard)
- Briefing on geology, exploration history and development prospects

# ALMALYK ORE DISTRICT — GEOLOGY AND HISTORY



850 km<sup>2</sup> • South-western spurs of the Kurama Range • Tashkent Region, Uzbekistan

1925

Geologist S.F. Mashkovtsev first describes oxidized copper ore outcrops at the surface of Kalmakyr

1927

B.N. Nasledov publishes the first systematic description of the deposit

1931

Start of systematic exploration — a major copper-molybdenum porphyry object is confirmed

1940

Initial reserves approved: 1.7 Mt of copper in oxidized ores

1949–54

Detailed exploration; design documentation for mine construction completed

1959

Launch of the Kalmakyr open pit — birth of AMMC (1 July 1959)

1996

Final reserve estimate: ~4 billion tonnes of ore

2017+

Start of developing Yoshlik I — the largest undeveloped Cu-Au deposit in the CIS

## DEPOSITS AND SITES OF THE ORE DISTRICT

**Kalmakyr:** Cu-Mo porphyry. 3.7×1.7 km, depth >500 m. In operation since 1959.

**Yoshlik-I:** The largest Cu-Au asset in the CIS. Capacity 74 Mt/year. Since 2017.

**Yoshlik-II:** An adjacent prospective area; reserve estimation is ongoing.

**Sary-Cheku:** A satellite of Kalmakyr; a similar type of Cu-Mo mineralization with higher copper grades.

**Barakali:** A satellite Cu-Mo deposit of the Almalyk ore field.

**Balykty:** A north-western structural zone; prospective for Cu-porphyry targets.

**Angren:** A coal and polymetallic (Pb, Zn) deposit.

**Chadak / Khandiza:** Pb-Zn skarn deposits, Namangan and Surkhandarya regions.

# MINERALOGY OF THE KALMAKYR-YOSHLIK SYSTEM

Cu-Mo porphyry system in Middle Carboniferous syenite-diorites and Upper Permian granites

**Ore minerals:** Chalcopyrite, molybdenite, pyrite, bornite

**Oxidation zone:** Malachite, azurite, chrysocolla, native copper

**Gold and silver:** Electrum, native gold (Au in chalcopyrite matrix)

**Molybdenum:** Molybdenite ( $\text{MoS}_2$ ) — an economically significant component

**Host rock (vein):** Quartz, K-feldspar, biotite, sericite, chlorite

**Main host rocks:** quartz porphyries, diorites, syenite-diorites

**Main elements:** copper, molybdenum, gold, silver

**Secondary minerals:** Jarosite, goethite, hematite (gossan cap)

★ Reference samples of all mineral groups are displayed at the AMMC Department of Resources



Reference samples of the Almakyl Ore District

# KALMAKYR OPEN PIT AND VIEWING PLATFORM

In operation since 1959 • 24/7 mining • ~35,000 AMMC employees

## VIEWING PLATFORM

A specially equipped platform with railings and information stands  
Panoramic view of the 3.7 km-long pit — a breathtaking industrial spectacle  
Real-time observation of drilling and blasting, excavation and ore haulage  
Safety briefing and PPE are provided by the host

### KEY DATA

Pit dimensions	<b>3.7 × 1.7 km</b>
Depth	<b>&gt; 500 m</b>
Ore type	<b>Cu-Mo porphyry</b>
In operation since	<b>1 July 1959</b>
Excavators	<b>15 (8 × 15 m<sup>3</sup>, 7 × 10 m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
Processing	<b>CEP-1, 2, 3 (60 Mt/year)</b>



Core samples from Kalmakyr, Yoshlik-I, Barakali, Balykty and other sites of the ore district will be displayed at the platform for hands-on study

# YOSHLIK-I OPEN PIT — CONVEYOR ORE DELIVERY TO CEP-3



Development began in 2017 • The largest undeveloped Cu-Au asset in the CIS • Merger with Kalmakyr by 2028

## #1

by  
gold content in Cu ore

## #2

by average Au fineness  
in Cu deposits

## #3

by volume of  
ore reserves

## #6

by  
copper content

### ⚙️ IN-PIT CRUSHING AND CONVEYING TECHNOLOGY — CEP-3

- Ore is crushed in-pit: KKD-1500 cone crushers down to a 300–350 mm fraction
- 6 apron feeders deliver the crushed material onto 2 main conveyors
- 2 conveyor belts with a total length of 4.2 km (each ~1.4 km + transfer points)
- Danish-made; belt speed of 7 m/s; transport costs reduced threefold
- Ore is delivered directly to CEP-3 (design capacity of 60 Mt/year)
- Fully automated Siemens system — controlled from a single dispatch centre



Construction of the Yoshlik-I open pit and CEP-3

### 🚀 DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS

By 2028 the Kalmakyr and Yoshlik-I open pits will merge into ONE 9 km-long mega-pit, which will surpass Chile's Escondida deposit and become the largest copper open pit in the world. Total investment: \$4.62 billion. Annual output: 917,000 t of copper concentrate + 2,500 t of molybdenum. The Yoshlik-I ore contains nearly every element of the periodic table.

# AMMC CORE STORAGE FACILITY — ARCHIVE OF GEOLOGICAL MEMORY

*The first modern core sample archive in Uzbekistan*

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- 2 dedicated warehouses, 50 × 25 m each — the first of their class in Uzbekistan
- Total capacity: 60,000 core boxes for the entire life of the mine
- Climate protection, systematic labelling and archiving of material

## CORE SAMPLE COLLECTIONS

- Kalmakyr and Sary-Cheku — Cu-Mo porphyry stratigraphy (since 1959)
- Yoshlik I — world class: Cu-Au intervals with sensational grades
- Angren, Chadak, Khandiza — polymetallic and skarn series
- Barakali, Balykty and all sites of the Almalyk Ore District

## DOCUMENTATION TO THE JORC STANDARD

Core documentation, sampling and quality control (QA/QC) can be prepared in accordance with the JORC Code at the AMMC Department of Resources and Mining upon request from accredited organizations.



*AMMC specialists documenting core material*

# CORE STORAGE FACILITY — SCALE AND SIGNIFICANCE



*One of the AMMC core storage warehouses — a capacity of 60,000 boxes*

## **Uniqueness**

The first archive of this scale in Uzbekistan — built to international standards for storing and systematizing core material

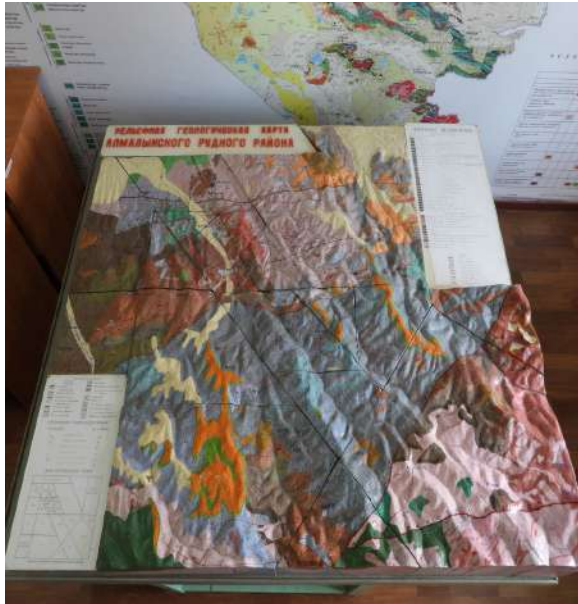
## **Diversity**

The facility holds core from ALL of AMMC's main deposits, making it an indispensable resource for geological research

## **JORC / Code**

Full documentation to the JORC Code is available on request, including descriptions, photo-logging and QA/QC documentation

*Science, data and geological heritage — at the heart of Almalyk's mining future*



*Relief geological map  
of the Almalyk Ore District*



*Collection of reference rock and ore samples*

## Relief model

A physical 2x2 m relief geological map — a unique visualization of the structure of the entire ore district

## Reference samples

A complete collection of rocks and ores from all deposits: from chalcopyrite to molybdenite and rare elements

## 3D JORC models

Digital block resource models to the JORC standard — the result of decades of exploration work


## Briefing


AMMC specialists will present up-to-date data on reserves, exploration history and strategic prospects


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Viewing platform and  
core samples on site

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