

Object description

Organizational form and start date of operation	Silicon Mining Limited Liability Partnership Date of initial state registration: December 22, 2008			
BIN	081240012710			
Legal address / Actual address	49/6, Bukhar Zhyrau avenue, Kazybek Bi district, Kazybek Bi r.a., Karaganda city. Karaganda Region			
Industry	Metallurgy: vein quartz			
Asset owner/(owners) and their shares	JSC NMC Tau-Ken Samruk (100%)			
Activity description	The Company specializes in the extraction of vein quartz at the Aktas field in Karaganda region, to provide raw materials for the plant for production of metallic silicon in Karaganda			
Production capacity	Quartz ore mining 100 thousand tons per year; The output of finished products is about 55 thousand tons per year			
Staff number	During the conservation period - 4 persons During the period of operation - 14 persons			

Reasons for conservation, conditions for launch



Silicon Mining reserves as of January 2022

Mineral resources	Unit of measure	В	C1	B+C1	C2
Crystal raw materials	ton	-	791	791	396
Piezooptical quartz	kg/mbl	-	1 457	1 457	582
Rhinestone	ton	-	424	424	98
Vein quartz	thousan d tons	1 169	2 5 2 7	3 696	304

Tau-Ken Temir and Silicon Mining are a vertically integrated business in which Silicon Mining is a supplier of vein quartz, and Tau-Ken Temir is a plant for the production of metallurgical silicon

In 2019, the Company decided to preserve production due to:

• significant drop in prices in 2019 for technical silicon caused by significant decrease in demand from the main consumers

At the moment, favorable conditions have developed for the launch of the project into operation:

• continuous price growth since April 2020 due to constant growth in demand and production costs

Source: Company data, CRU silicon price forecast in the EU (February 2022)

Investment attractiveness

Factors of advantage when starting a project:

- Silicon Mining is the holder of the contract of subsoil use of the Aktau deposit No. 2810 of October 09, 2008 with a validity period of 25 years. The total reserves of the quartz deposit are about 4 million tons, with an average SiO2 content of 99.5%
- The Company has a significant advantage in key cost elements, for example, electricity costs are about USD0.03 (KZT13.8) per kWh

The realization of 100% of the Company's share together with Tau-Ken Temir LLP (metallurgical silicon production) to a strategic partner for the launch of the project is being considered