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MODERN APPROACHES TO IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY OF METALLURGICAL ENTERPRISES IN UZBEKISTAN BASED ON INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Abstract

This study examines modern approaches to improving the economic efficiency of metallurgical enterprises in the Republic of Uzbekistan based on international industrial practices. Particular attention is paid to the problems of high energy intensity, inefficient use of production resources, and insufficient digitalization of metallurgical enterprises. The study analyzes international experience and substantiates promising directions for industrial modernization and sustainable development.

Keywords: metallurgy, economic efficiency, industrial modernization, resource management, digitalization, Uzbekistan

Introduction

The metallurgical industry plays a significant role in the industrial development of the Republic of Uzbekistan and remains one of the strategic sectors of the national economy. In recent years, the country has paid considerable attention to industrial modernization and expansion of production capacities. However, under conditions of increasing global competition and rising energy costs, improving the efficiency of resource utilization has become one of the main priorities for metallurgical enterprises.



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The relevance of this issue is also associated with the growing demand for environmentally sustainable and energy-efficient industrial production.

Main part

One of the major challenges faced by metallurgical enterprises in Uzbekistan is the high level of energy consumption during production processes. In many cases, this problem is connected with outdated technological equipment and insufficient implementation of automated management systems.

A notable example of successful industrial modernization can be observed in Finland. The country actively integrates energy-efficient technologies and digital monitoring systems into heavy industry. Finnish metallurgical enterprises apply intelligent production control systems that allow companies to reduce material losses and optimize energy consumption. According to the International Energy Agency, Finland has significantly improved industrial energy productivity through technological innovation and state-supported sustainability programs.

Alongside Finland, Canada also demonstrates effective approaches to improving industrial efficiency. Canadian metallurgical enterprises actively implement environmental management systems and recycling technologies aimed at reducing industrial waste and production costs. In particular, resource recovery technologies help enterprises minimize raw material losses and improve operational efficiency.

Another important example is the experience of the United Arab Emirates, where large industrial enterprises increasingly invest in smart manufacturing and digital logistics systems. These technologies improve supply chain coordination and contribute to more efficient resource allocation in industrial production.



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For Uzbekistan, the adaptation of such international practices could become an important factor in increasing the competitiveness of metallurgical enterprises. In particular, special attention should be paid to:

- ◇ Modernization of industrial equipment;
- ◇ Implementation of ERP and MES systems;
- ◇ Development of industrial digitalization;
- ◇ Improvement of energy efficiency policies;

Table 1 — International Practices for Improving the Efficiency of Metallurgical Enterprises

| Country | Main direction | Applied Technologies | Economic result |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Finland | Energy-efficient metallurgy | digital monitoring systems, intelligent production control | reduction of energy losses and production costs |
| Canada | Environmental industrial management | recycling technologies, waste reduction systems | improved operational efficiency and lower raw material losses |
| United Arab Emirates | Smart industrial infrastructure | digital logistics, smart manufacturing systems | optimization of resource allocation and productivity growth |

The data presented in Table 1 demonstrate that different countries apply various approaches to improving the efficiency of metallurgical enterprises depending on their industrial priorities and technological capabilities. Finland focuses on energy-efficient production and intelligent control systems, Canada emphasizes environmental management and recycling technologies, while the United Arab



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Emirates actively develops smart industrial infrastructure and digital logistics. Despite these differences, all approaches are aimed at reducing production costs, optimizing resource utilization, and increasing industrial competitiveness. For Uzbekistan, the adaptation of such international practices may contribute to the modernization of metallurgical enterprises and improvement of their economic efficiency.

Conclusion

Thus, improving the economic efficiency of metallurgical enterprises in Uzbekistan requires a comprehensive approach combining industrial modernization, digital technologies, and resource-saving strategies. The successful practices of Finland, Canada, and the United Arab Emirates demonstrate that efficient resource management and technological innovation are essential conditions for increasing industrial competitiveness in the global market.

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