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In your hands you are holding a special issue of the Journal of Mining Institute, which is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year. Being one of the oldest scientific journals in Russia, it has a rich history and certainly has made a great contribution to the development of Russian and global science, industry and technology.

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In the course of all these years the Journal served as a hallmark of the Mining University, enabling a fruitful exchange of opinions among specialists in geology, mining engineering, metallurgy, oil & gas industry, ecology, economics, mechanical engineering and many other research fields, associated with prospecting, exploitation, transportation and processing of mineral resources. The Journal publishes papers dedicated to modern advances in mining engineering, cutting-edge technologies and promising developments, provides an overview of current challenges in the mineral resources sector and offers solutions to these problems.

For the duration of 110 years, the Journal of Mining Institute has remained loyal to the best traditions and kept pace with modern trends. It actively attracts world-class experts in different research fields both for publication and paper reviews; updates its structure, design and website to meet current international criteria; constantly expands its target audience. The Journal has been included in Russian and international databases – it is published in two languages, Russian and English.

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