

# United Company RUSAL: balancing between importing foreign HR practices and developing culturally-specific approach

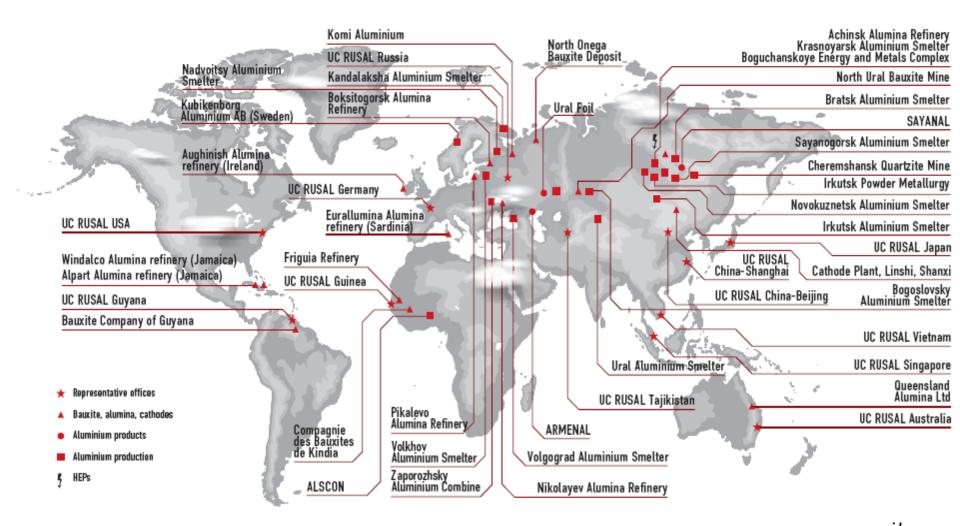
Human Resources management as a means to re-engineer a Russian industrial giant

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# UC RUSAL is a multinational Company operating in 19 countries on 5 continents

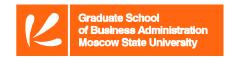


<sup>• 71 300</sup> employees with different cultural, educational and religious background, 2 57 100 of them work in Russia



# United Company RUSAL – some facts

- established in 2000;
- world's largest producer of primary aluminum;
- produces 4,4 mln tons of aluminium almost 12% of entire global output of aluminum and 11,3 tons of alumina (15% of the world's production);
- public company IPO in HongKong in January 2010;
- employs people in Russia, UK (Ireland), Italy, Jamaica, Australia, Armenia, USA, Ukraine, Nigeria, China, ...
- People management has complex policies and practices, based on various cultural, educational and confessional backgrounds and attitudes of employees



#### **RUSAL's Strategy**

RUSAL aims to continue to develop as a global, diversified energy and metals corporation, focused on expanding market leadership in a whole range of new businesses in raw materials and metals production.

#### Expansion strategy aims to:

- increase activity in the Asian region;
- achieve production and technology excellence;
- maximize self-sufficiency in all raw materials;

RUSAL's priority projects today are construction of

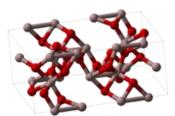
- new smelters, bauxite and alumina complexes;
- Boguchanskaya Hydropower Plant (Siberia);
- upgrade of existing smelters



#### What is HR Scope in this Business?

#### COST STRUCTURE OF ALUMINUM PRODUCTION

alumina - 33-40%



power - 26-28%



carbon - 9-10%



labor force 7-10%





### Way to Success: Technology and HR Innovations

#### TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS...

- Technologic modernization: purchase and installation of new equipment
- Development of new technologies RA-300 & RA-400 (ecologically safe and less energy consuming)
- Working conditions improvement, labor consumption amelioration
- Introduction of modern production systems

are costly but easy to implement



#### What RUSAL faced in 2000

employees' mindset inherited from the Soviet Era:

"Work is not a wolf, it won't run into the woods"

"The slower you go, the further you'll get"

"Task accomplished, disport bravely"

- little or no motivation at all
- low moral and responsibility, especially among so called "lost generation"
- resistance to technological innovations
- generally low level of education and expertise and outdated knowledge & skills
- devaluation of physical work

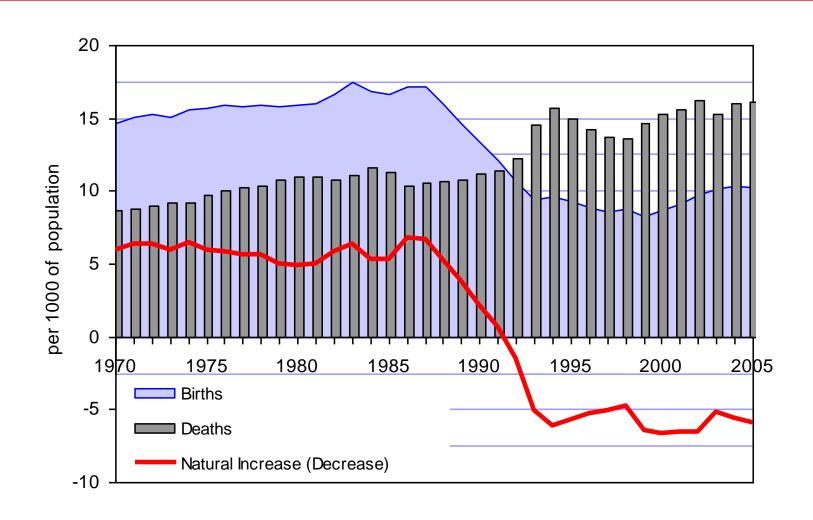


#### **Economic and Social Outlook**

- rapid business and industry development;
- poor development of small and family-owned business;
- high concentration of labor markets in traditionally industrial regions (Moscow, St.Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod, Togliatti, etc.);
- low mobility between the regions unavailable housing;
- generally high level of education and theoretical knowledge, outdated managerial skills;
- rampant overstaffing yet deficit of qualified work force



#### **Demographic Outlook**





## Way to success: Technology and HR Innovations

#### HR INNOVATIONS... are less "costly" but very hard to implement

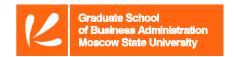
- Introduction of Management by Objectives principles involvement of employees into production excellence discussions and KPIs development;
- Knowledge & Skills gap liquidation creation of Corporate University, development of modular training programs for workers, raising of managerial awareness and skills;
- Career development succession management and career development programs were introduced to stimulate best people to stay with the organization and to share their experience;



### Way to success: Technology and HR Innovations - 2

#### HR INNOVATIONS...

- Development of a new corporate culture and ethics code identification of shared values, putting them into practical Code of Ethics, creation of corporate ombudsmen group;
- Development of a new remuneration & motivation system – liaison of compensation to the results of work, to achievements and/or project completion;
- Creation of social opportunities support of longexisting social infrastructure in the regions where UC RUSAL operates – sports and cultural facilities, medical assistance, sponsorship of educational programs for youth of the region



#### Results of UC RUSAL's HR Policy

Dynamic Motivated Loyal





Result-oriented

Ecologically thinking
Willing and able to
learn employees

Productivity increased 2,7 times Employee satisfaction rose by 19%