



## The Most Comprehensive Fair of Mining Industry Opens Its Doors

**The most comprehensive fair of mining industry organized in Eurasia, the 10th International Mining, Tunnelling, Machinery Equipment and Heavy Equipment Fair opened its doors on 15 December, Thursday, at İstanbul Tüyap Fair and Congress Center.**

**Opened jointly with the Mining Türkiye Fair, 17th International Mineral Processing Symposium hosts 638 exhibitors from 34 countries in 7 halls.**

**Turkish Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Prof. Dr. Şeref Kalaycı, participated and cut the ribbon for opening the fair, together with the protocol. Mr. Kalaycı offered awards to the companies that have been attending the fair for 10 years.**

Mining Türkiye Fair, where products and services will be exhibited under the main headings of selection, identification and demarcation the mining site, preparation of the surrounding and work sites of the mining site, ore extraction, ore dressing and enrichment, opened its doors on December 15th, Thursday, at İstanbul Tüyap Fair and Congress Center, on an area of 40 thousand square-meters, consisting of 7 halls.

638 exhibitors from 34 countries will attend the fair that is organized in collaboration with the Foundation for Development of Domestic Mining. The Fair will offer its visitors the opportunity to examine any products and services, from drilling machinery and equipment to cutting-loading-transporting machines and equipment, from geological survey equipment to drilling machinery and equipment, as well as grinding-crushing-screening-sorting machinery equipment and chemical enrichment materials and equipment, occupational health & safety equipment, and finally generators, electric motors and transformers under a single roof.

Held simultaneously with the 17th International Mineral Processing Symposium, over 15 thousand visitors will attend the Mining Türkiye Fair. B2B meetings and seminars will be held by the British Consulate at the fair in which Germany, Republic of Czech and the UK attended at national level. As part of the fair, exhibitors and visitors will also experience how technology can be used for more effective studies in the mining industry, in the fields of VR experience, organized in cooperation with pacesetter companies.

### **"Over 158 thousand people are employed in the mining industry"**

In a speech he delivered at the official opening ceremony of the fair, **Turkish Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Prof. Dr. Şeref Kalaycı** stated how the Mining Türkiye Fair closed a significant gap in respect of the mining industry and continued, "Today, more than 158 thousand people are employed in the mining industry in our country. Unfortunately, mining industry is perceived negatively in our country. Major responsibility falls particularly on the Mining Türkiye Fair, in converting the perception of the industry from negative into positive. Our Fair fills a great gap in this respect. I wish the 17th International Mineral Processing Symposium that is organized simultaneously with the Mining Türkiye Fair brings the best to our industry and Türkiye."

### **"A 65 percent growth in the number of exhibitors"**

**General Manager of Tüyp Exhibitions Production Inc., İlhan Ersözlü**, pointed how the Mining Türkiye Fair continued advancing and developing further with every passing year and added, "With our 638 exhibitors in total, our fair has now gained an international identity. We are expecting to see over 15 thousand visitors from 110 countries at the Fair. Considering the figures, there is a 65 percent growth in the number of exhibitors. In this way, it has become the greatest and most important fair in the region. We are of the opinion that the 17th International Mineral Processing Symposium that we have organized jointly with our Fair will also make up a considerable deficiency in respect of the mining industry."

**Prof. Dr. Güven Önal, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Foundation for Development of Domestic Mining**, highlighted that the Mining Türkiye Fair was initially held on an area of 2 thousand square-meters; and, that area has now expanded by 10 times, which meant that development of fair organization was equal to the development of mining industry.

Speaking on behalf of the Mining Platform, **İbrahim Alimoğlu, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Aegean Exporters' Association**, underlined that the Mining Türkiye Fair has made remarkable contributions to the industry since 2004 and added that mining industry played the leading role in the future of our country and the fair filled a significant gap in this respect.

### **Awards for the companies attending the fair for 10 years**

Following the opening speeches, an award ceremony was held for the companies that have been attending the fair for 10 years. Turkish Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Prof. Dr. Şeref Kalaycı, presented the awards to the company representatives.

The Mining Türkiye Fair can be visited between 10:00 – 18:00 on 15 December, Thursday, – 17 December, Saturday; and between 10:00 – 17:00 on 18 December, Sunday, the last day of the fair.