MINERAL RESOURECES OF UKRAINE

UKRAINE'S MAIN NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDE IRON ORE, COAL, MANGANESE ORE, NATURAL GAS, PETROLEUM, SULFUR, GRAPHITE, TITANIUM ORE, MAGNESIUM, URANIUM, CHROMIUM, NICKEL, ALUMINUM, COPPER, ZINC, LEAD, RARE EARTH METALS, POTASSIUM, ROCK SALT AND KAOLINITE.

ONE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT RESOURCE OF UKRAINE IS ITS FERTILE SOIL COMPOSED OF CHERNOZEMS (40 % OF THE WORLD TOTAL RESOURCES), AS WELL AS MINERAL WATER

THE IRON ORE DEPOSITS ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE AREA OF THE KRIVIY RIG OR CROOKED HORN (DNIPROPETROVSK AND PARTIALLY KIROVOGRAD DISTRICTS, WITH PROVEN **RESERVES OF 18 BILLION TONS), KERCH** (WITH ABOUT 1.8 BILLION WITH RESERVES OF **ABOUT 4.5 BILLION TONNES) AND IN THE BILOZERKA REGION (WITH RESERVES OF 3.5 BILLION TONS**

MANGANESE ORE IS LOCATED IN NIKOV BASIN (IN DNIPROPETROVSK AND ZAPORIZHIA DISTRICTS, WITH STOCKS OVER 2 BILLION TONS) AND IS AMONG THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

IN TERMS OF THE SIZE OF THE EXPLORED COAL RESOURCES (OVER 54 BILLION TONNES). UKRAINE OCCUPIES THE SECOND PLACE IN EUROPE AND SEVENTH IN THE WORLD. THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF HIGH-ENERGY COAL AND COKING COAL ARE IN DONETS BASIN (

UKRAINE'S STATE ENERGY RESOURCES ARE **ASSESSED AT 2,3 BILLION TONNES OF EQUIVALENT FUEL, OF WHICH — AN** INDUSTRIAL STOCKS - 1,4 BILLION TONNES. PARTICULARLY PROMISING DEPOSITS ARE LOCATED ON THE COAST AND ON THE SHELF OF THE BLACK SEA AND THE SEA OF AZOV -THEY ARE ESTIMATED AT 1.9 BILLION TONTES OF EQUIVALENT FUEL.

URANIUM ORE IS MINED IN DNEPROPETROVSK AND KIROVOGRADREGI ONS. UKRAINE IS RICH IN BUILDING MATERIALS (GRANITE, MARBLE, LABRADORITE, CHALK, MARL, SANDSTONE). THE LARGEST RESERVES OF GRANITE AND LABRADORITE ARE FOUND **IN ZHITOMIR REGION**