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Enthusiastically, and with a sense of responsibility, I am commencing to carry out the duties of the Editor-in-Chief of Russian Journal of Industrial Economics, one of the most important journals in the spheres of theory and practice in the real economy sector.

The development and effectiveness of all branches of the national economy, without exception, through all its industries and regions, is related to its heavy industry and the product of such industry. It is specifically the tangible sector of the economy which has always been at the center of my research, practical and teaching activity. Therefore it is with great pleasure that I accepted the National University of Science and Technology MISiS's offer, and specifically of its Rector as well as Directors of the Institute of Economics and Management of Industrial Enterprises and the Mining Institute of MISiS, to begin this activity

I began my working career as a laborer, then an engineer and a researcher in the non-ferrous metals mining-metallurgical industry. Later I became engaged in the automation of all economic stages in this area. Having gone on to work at the USSR Academy of Science, I devoted the vast majority of my research to the analysis of the challenges and possibilities in the strategic development of industry. As I continued my research, pedagogical, and consulting activity abroad, I continued to study industrial economics. The sphere of my professional interests was already connected not only with mining and metallurgical cycles and their automation, but also encompassed telecommunications, tourism, sports, production and the consumption of alternative fuels – namely ethanol and butanol. Particular attention in my research and consulting work was given to the national and regional economic complexes of a

number of countries in North and South America (the U.S.A., Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay), Europe (Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Romania, Scotland) and Asia (Abu-Dhabi, Bahrain, China, Taiwan, South Korea).

I hope that this experience will allow me to more effectively understand your professional interests and needs, dear readers of our journal. With regards to the immediate economic sphere, after working in industrial economics and managing, I became engaged in political-economy studies, opportunities, and the unique characteristics of the formation and development of new and emerging markets. For the last quarter century my practice, research, and teaching activity, has been concentrated mostly in the development of the theory and methodology of strategizing and applying the results of this work in practice within industrial, regional, and national economies, as well as in the work of multi-national institutions, and primarily the United Nations.

It seems that, the main direction in which to turn the attention of the authors, and then of our readers, is the economic and strategic prospects of the development of economic entities, strategy in the mining and metallurgical industry, modern technology, and the effectiveness of its development. A huge role in this is played by questions regarding targeted and project financing, as well as current marketing tactics as instruments of achieving strategic priorities in rapid and even avalanche-like development conditions.

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