



# **Current State and Prospects of Coal-Bed Methane (CBM) Production in Russia**

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# Estimated CBM Resources in Russian Coal Basins

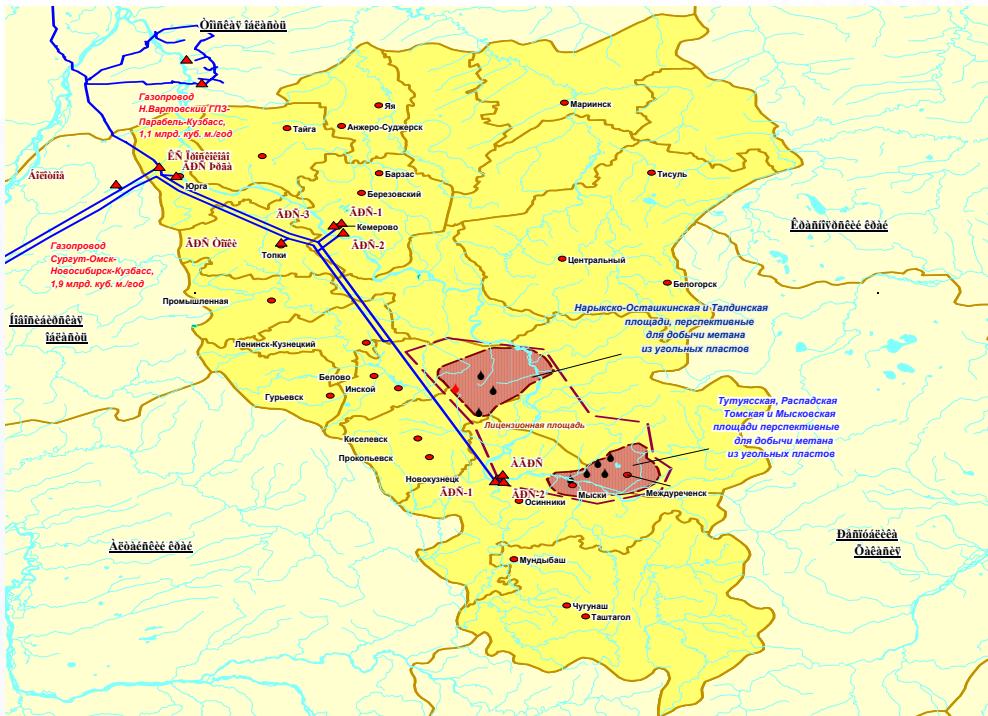


| Basins, Fields     | Resources, bln. cu. m. |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Total              | 49051                  |
| Kuznetsk           | 13085                  |
| Pechorsky          | 1942                   |
| East Donetsk Basin | 97                     |
| South- Yakut       | 920                    |
| Ziryansky          | 99                     |
| Tungusky           | 2000                   |
| Lensky             | 6000                   |
| Taimirsky          | 5500                   |

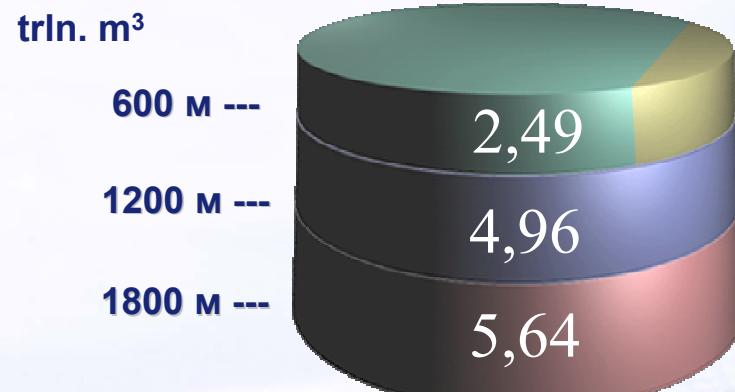
## Objectives of CBM Resource Development:

- to develop technologies to recover hydrocarbon resources from non-traditional and low permeability fields
- to decrease cost of recovering hydrocarbon resources

# CBM Resources, Gas Market and Infrastructure in Kemerovo oblast



- 13 trln.m<sup>3</sup> CBM resources up to the depth of 1800 m
- > 700 km gas main pipelines and branches, 1 compressor station, 12 gas distribution stations and distribution networks
- 6-9 bln. m<sup>3</sup> per year gas demand in Kemerovo oblast and >15 bln. m<sup>3</sup> - outside



# **GAZPROM CBM PROJECT**

- 1998 : Agreements with Kemerovo Oblast
- 2001-2002 : Feasibility Study and Design
- 2003-2006 : Pilot Test Program  
(construction of testing polygon and technology run)
- 2007 - ... : Commercial Production

# **GAZPROM CBM Project Developer**

## **PROMGAZ – Gazprom Scientific-Research Centre**

- 50-years experience of works in coal basins
- Technology of underground coal gasification:  
commercial use
- High-qualification staff
- Plant of gas equipment

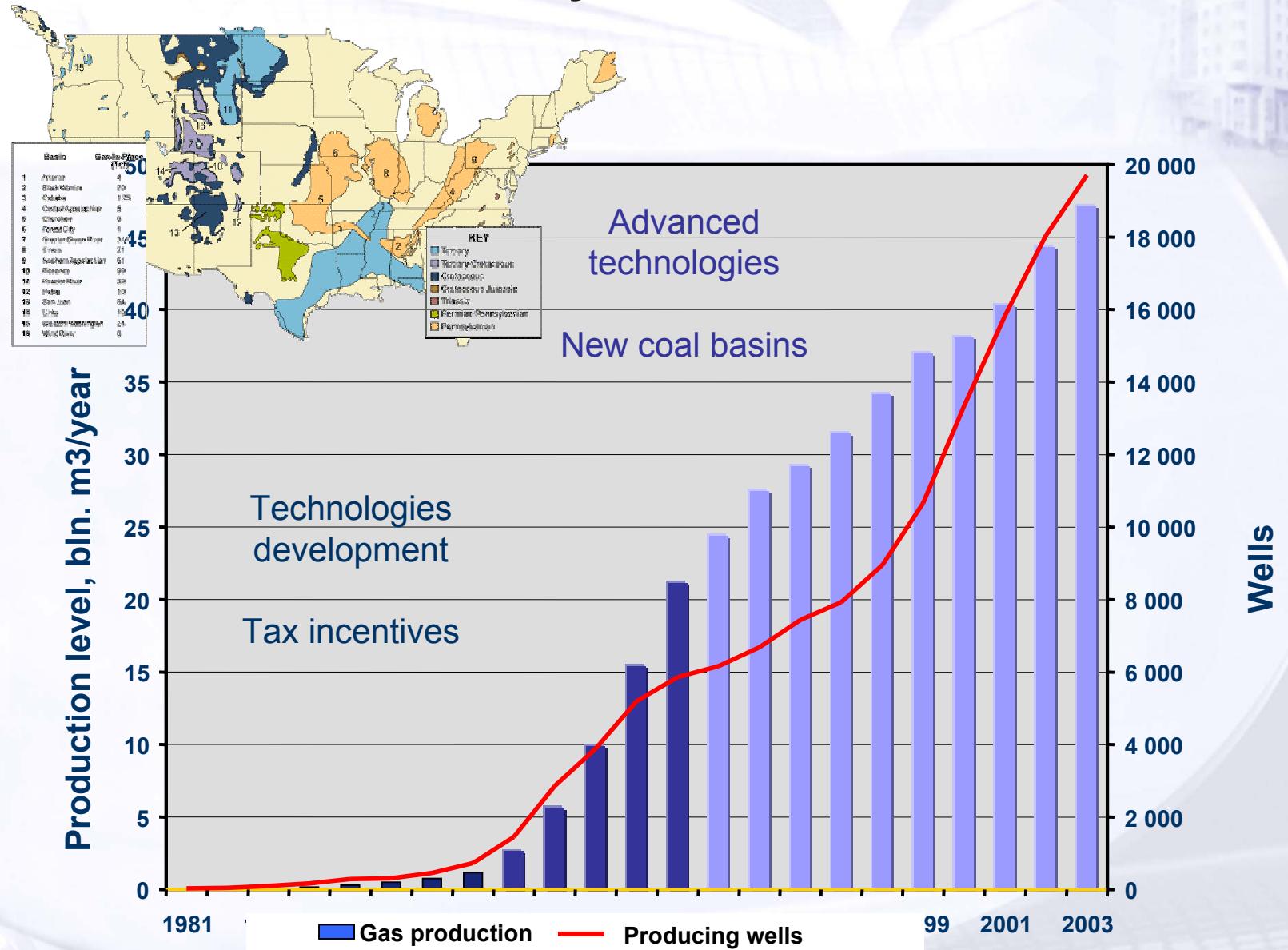
# **GAZPROM Feasibility Study: Background**

- US Experience of CBM Production
- Collection, Analysis and Summarizing of Geological Data in Kuzbass
- World-wide Experience: Implementation of American CBM-recovery Technologies outside US

# **GAZPROM Feasibility Study: US Experience of CBM Production**

- Analysis of geological conditions and production data of CBM wells in US (> 9800 wells)
- Study of advanced CBM-recovery technologies
- Organization of CBM industry
- Economics of CBM production (structure of capital investments and operation costs, price and tax rates, etc.)
- US Government Support

# GAZPROM FS: Analysis of CBM Production in US



## **GAZPROM Feasibility Study: World-wide Experience**

- Adjustment of US CBM-recovery to specific geological conditions around the world
- CBM production under specific conditions
- Results of pilot test projects and commercial production
- Government support

**Commercial production:**

**Australia, Canada**

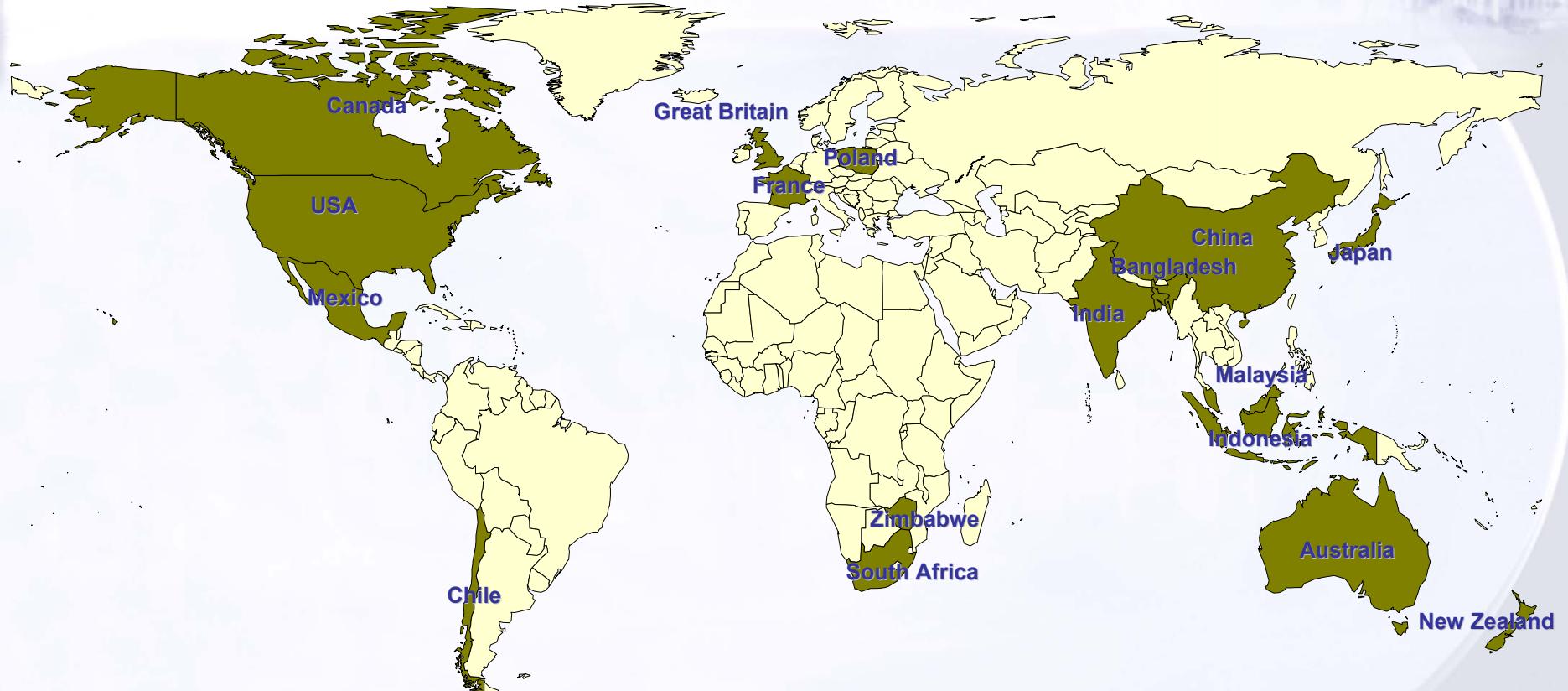
**Pilot Test Projects:**

**China, Mexico**

**Underway Projects:**

**France, Germany, Great Britain, Chile, India, New Zealand, other countries**

# GAZPROM FS: International experience of CBM production

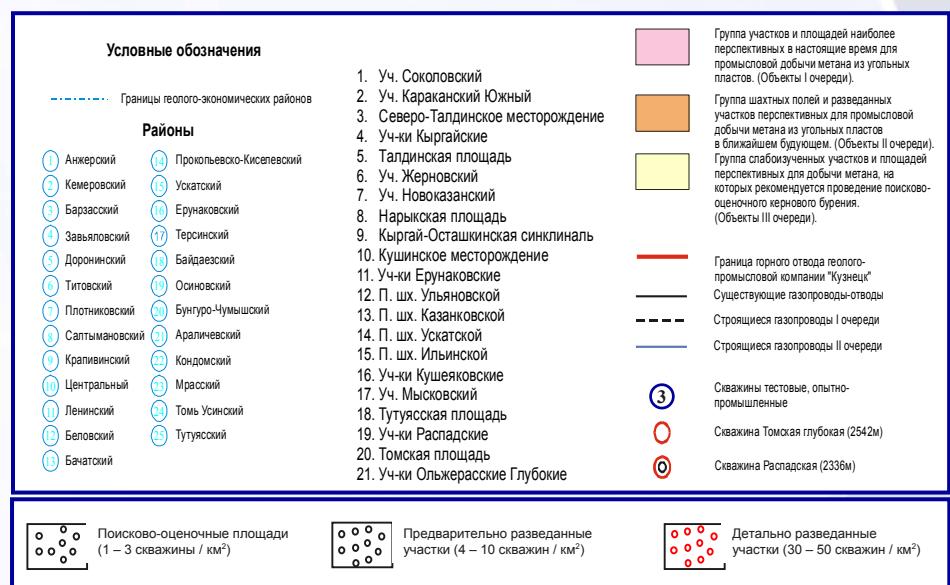
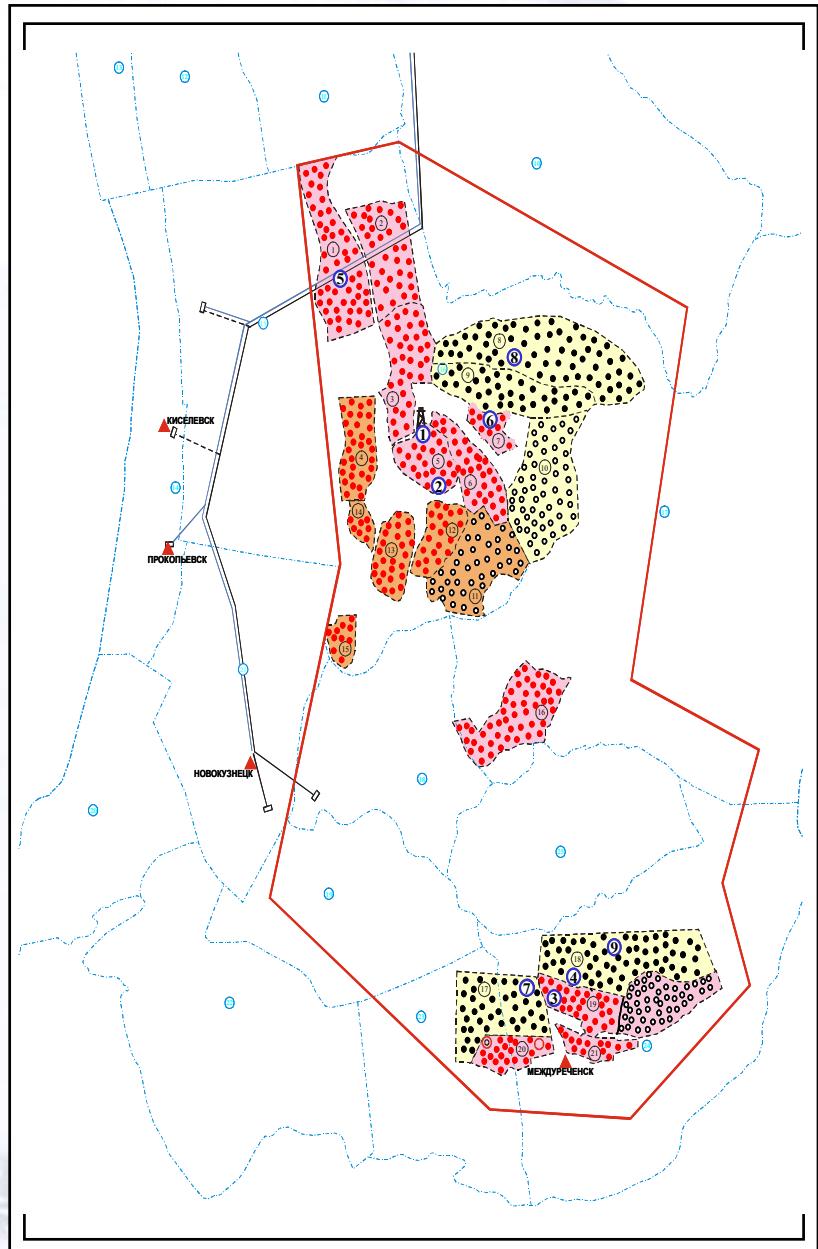


# **GAZPROM Feasibility Study: Collection, Analysis and Summarizing of Geological Data**

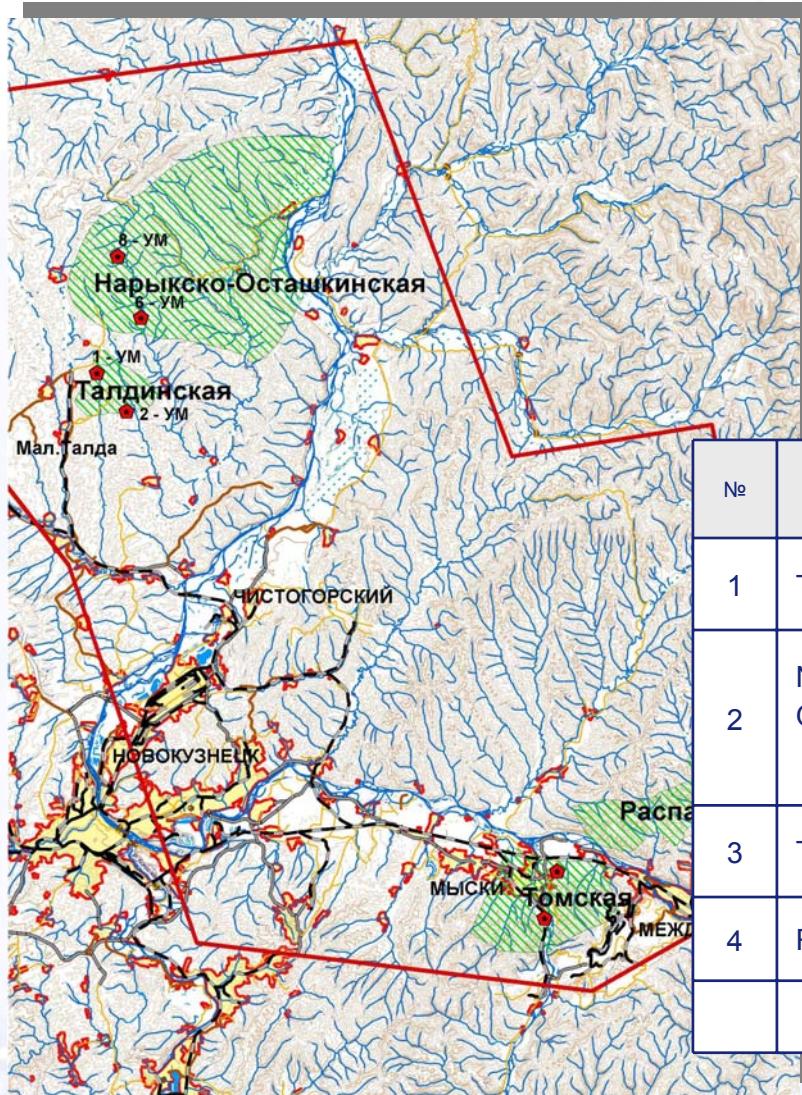
(on the basis of more than 60 000 core wells)

- Analysis of lithology, tectonics, and coal rank
- Analysis of methane content and sorption properties of coals, permeability of coal seams
- Study of core well tests carried out by ARI, US
- Estimation of commercial CBM production on pre-feasibility study

# GAZPROM FS: Geological Study of Kuzbass



# GAZPROM FS: Priority areas in Kuzbass



- Study of 121 geological structure and 26 areas
- Selection of 4 priority areas with summary CBM resources of 1,5 trln. m<sup>3</sup>
- Selection of 9 test well sites

| No | Areas                   | Structure space km | CBM Resources bln. m | CBM density bln. m /km | Total thickness of coal seams m      |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1  | Taldinskaya             | 31                 | 95,3                 | 3,0                    | 140 - 150                            |
| 2  | Nariksko-Ostashkinskaya | 330                | 918,0                | 2,78                   | от<br>(30 - 35)<br>до<br>(130 - 150) |
| 3  | Tomskaya                | 45                 | 121,1                | 2,69                   | 62 - 65                              |
| 4  | Raspadinskaya           | 134                | 357,2                | 2,83                   | 70 - 75                              |
|    | <b>TOTAL:</b>           | 540                | 1 491,6              | <b>2,76</b>            | -                                    |

# GAZPROM FS: Comparison of Kuzbass (Russia) with San Juan Basin (U.S.)

| Characteristics                | Kuzbass  | San Juan  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| CBM resources                  | Total 13.1 trln. m3, including 3.0 trln. m3 in the promising south regions         | Total 2.3 trln. m3, including 1.4 trln. m3 in Fruitland formation, and 0.9 trln. m3 in Menefi formation |
| CBM density                    | from 500 to 3500 mln. m3/km2   | от 350 до 1000 mln. m3/km2  |
| Total thickness of coal seams  | Total thickness of coal seams reaches 120 m, thickness of several seams is 10-18 m | Total thickness of coal seams is 30 m, thickness of several seams is 8-10 m                             |
| Coal bedding depth             | Up to 4000 m, for estimation only coal seams no deeper than 1800 m were considered | Not lower than 1200 m (Fruitland formation)   |
| Number of productive intervals | 6-8 in intervals of 100-150 m in the cross-section to the depth of 1800 m          | one in the interval of 100-130 m in the cross-section to the depth of 1200 m                            |
| CBM content                    | Not higher than 25-30 m3/t   | Not higher than 15-20 m3/t  |
| Coal rank                      | 0.6 - 2.0% (at the most promising areas 0.75 - 1.2%)                               | 0.7 - 1.5% (within the producing zone 0.78-1.2%)  |
| Coal seam permeability         | Not higher than 50 mD, some measuring data exceeded 100 mD                         | 35-50 mD  |

# **GAZPROM FS: Methods for stimulation of CBM recovery from coal seams**

| <b>Stimulation methods</b>                           | <b>Applicability conditions</b>   | <b>Frequency of use</b> |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Hydro fracturing of coal seams</b>                | Can be used under different geological conditions   | >85%                    |
| <b>Cavitation (pneumo-hydro-dynamic stimulation)</b> | Coal seams with summary thickness of >20 m in gross interval of < 100 m, permeability >30 mD. Over pressured coal seams (> hydrostatic pressure). | <10%                    |
| <b>Open hole enlargement</b>                         | Coal seams with permeability of 100 mD-3 D and higher   | <5%                     |
| <b>Directional and horizontal drilling</b>           | Coal layers with low permeability and thickness of >2 m   | <1%                     |

# Gazprom Test Pilot Project: Objectives



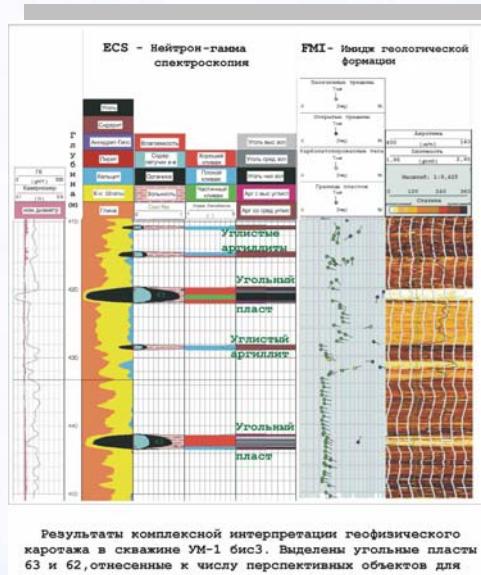
## Purpose:

Organize commercial CBM production in Kuzbass

## Major tasks:

- Obtain commercial gas flow rates from test wells
- Develop technologies and run
- Evaluate proven reserves on the basis of estimated CBM resources and results of Test Program
- Prepare geological and technological basis for commercial CBM production

# Gazprom Test Pilot Project: Results



- Constructed testing polygon in Kuzbass
- Drilled 4 test wells;
- Fulfilled geophysical, core and hydrodynamic investigations
- Developed technologies and facilities for CBM production
- Prepared geological and technological basis for commercial CBM production within 4 high-priority areas
- Test wells are under probe exploitation

# GAZPROM Pilot Test Project: Scientific Research and Computer Technologies for CMB Development

