

Welcome Message to the participants of the Renwex 2021 International Exhibition

## Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade and myself, I would like to welcome the participants and organisers of the RENWEX 2021. Renewable Energy and Electric Vehicles international exhibition and forum.

Green energy today is not just a fashionable trend. Above all, it is a high-tech, fast-growing market, whose priority for investment will only increase in the coming decades.

This sector is also actively developing in Russia: more than 2.5 GW of green power generation has already been built since the launch of the RES support programme. We have managed both to create localized enterprises with leading global players and to set up production of renewable energy equipment based on our own developments. Today, the capacity of the Russian enterprises to produce RES equipment exceeds 1.5 GW/year.

RENWEX, the first industrial exhibition dedicated exclusively to new energy technologies, is now attracting more and more attention from Russian and foreign investors. Last year, for example, 63 companies from almost a dozen countries were represented at RENWEX. I am glad to note that the list of technologies on the exhibition agenda is growing rapidly: today, it is not only renewable energy, but also hydrogen production and transportation, electric transport, energy storage systems. These are the sectors where growth points for the new industries will be formed in the near future.

I am positive that RENWEX 2021 will become a suitable platform for constructive discussions and create conditions for generation of new technological solutions in the field of renewable energy, enabling Russia to remain on the cutting edge of the global transformation of the fuel and energy sector.

Let me wish the participants a good mood, productive work and successful cooperation!

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