



ARCTIC AIRPORT'S RECONSTRUCTION MAY COST 1.5 BILLION RUBLES

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The reconstruction of the Khatanga airport, north of the Krasnoyarsk territory, may cost 1-1.5 billion rubles (\$17-25 million), Krasnoyarsk's Minister of Transport Sergei Yeregin told a meeting of the regional polar commission on Friday.

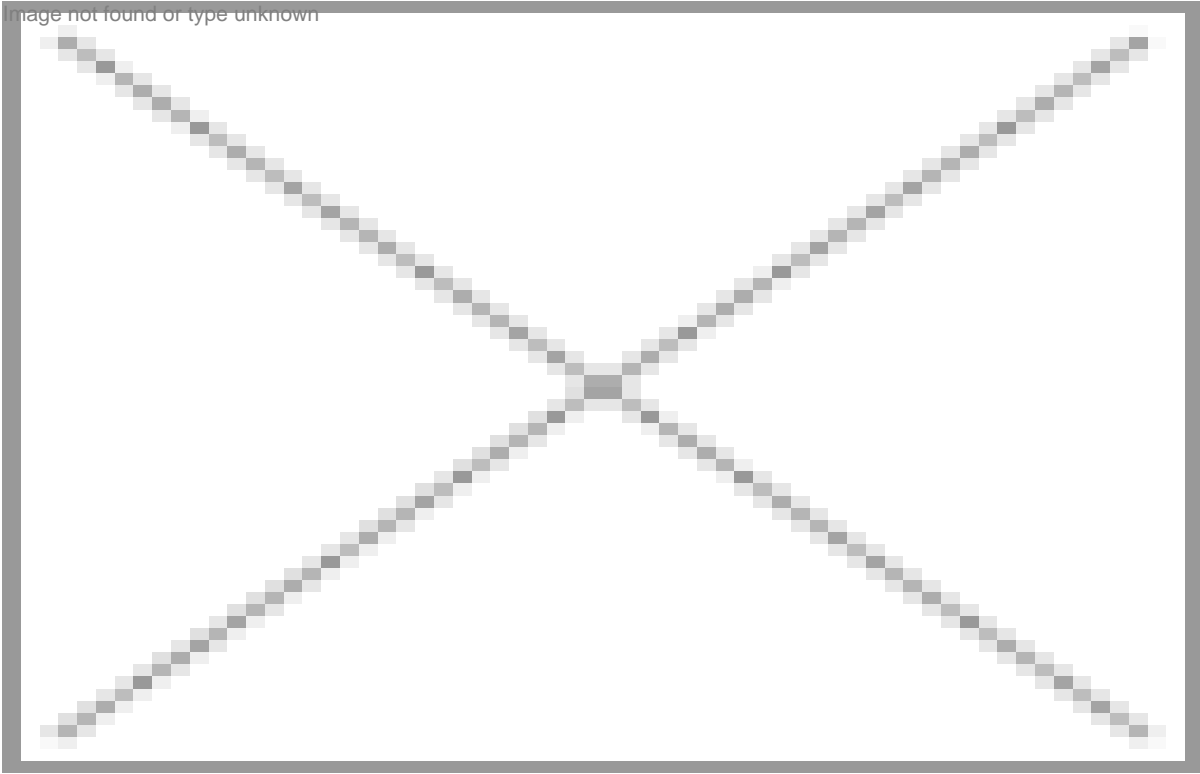
"Investments in complete reconstruction of the airport will make 1-1.5 billion rubles," he said. "We are looking for a potential investor."

The minister said the region considered as potential investors oil companies, working in the Arctic zone as well- Rosneft and Lukoil.

In 2016, the local aviation company, KrasAvia, which exploits the airport, attracted 80 million rubles (\$1.3 million) for the reconstruction, the minister said. That money was used for the airport's new equipment, and for reconstruction of accommodation for personnel working in shifts.

Khatanga's airport is a biggest airport in the Arctic. It serves local routes.

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