**SAPE 2020: WE PUT EMPHASIS ON SMART TECHNOLOGIES**

From April 7 to April 10, 2020, the Main Media Center in Sochi will host one of the largest industry events – the XI International Exhibition on Industrial Safety and Labor Protection “SAPE 2020 – Complex Occupational Safety and Health”.

The event will be held within the framework of the RUSSIA HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK with the support of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation.

 - Over the years it was held, the SAPE exhibition has become a significant venue in the country, according to judgement of manufacturers who set new trends in the development and production of personal protective equipment. The Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Russian Federation fully supports the initiatives regarding the development of domestic PPE market, substitution for imported goods, and improvement of the quality of manufactured and consumed products, – Head of the department, **Maxim Topilin** commented. – It is important that the SAPE exhibition provides an opportunity to hear the points of view of all those participating in the process – from manufacturers to end users.

SAPE 2020 will continue the trend of recent years with the focus on complex solutions that allow to provide the safety of employees’ lives and health most efficiently. New developments in the production of personal protective equipment, demonstration and testing of special equipment for emergency protection, industrial safety technologies, and digitalization projects will be presented by exhibitors in the exhibition hall and alley of the Main Media Center.

According to **Vladimir Zatynayko**, General Director of AO “Electrification”, the SAPE organizer, the 2020 exhibition will be dedicated to “smart safety”.

- Every year, changing the concept of the SAPE exhibition fundamentally, we are expanding the scope of opportunities for our participants and exhibitors. Once again, SAPE 2020 will become the largest demonstration venue for presenting the latest innovative solutions in the field of PPE. It should be noted that a number of product samples will be presented to the professional community for the first time, – says **Vladimir Zatynayko**.

Over 150 Russian and foreign companies take part in the exhibition annually. The total area of presentation pavilions exceeds 10,000 square meters.

The event is organized by Elektrifikatsia JSC, one of the major operators of congress and exhibition projects in the field of power industry, that include the Russian Energy Week (REW), ENES, the All-Russian Energy-Saving Festival #BrighterTogether (#TogetherBrighter), the ARWE International Forum in Renewable Energy, etc.