

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme “Technology of silicates, binders and refractory nonmetallic materials” from a professional field 5.10 “Chemical Technologies” at the Chemical Technology and Metallurgy University

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences on 20.02.2014 and 13.03.2014 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Academic Council as of 30.04.2015 inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 02.12.2015 to 04.12.2015 .

At a meeting held on **05.02.2016**, the Standing Committee adopted the report of the expert panel and on its basis prepared a decision on the results of the completed programme accreditation. The decision reflected assessments and **observations about the consistency of the evidence provided with the criteria system for the implemented procedure. In assessing the criteria measures in the controlled areas of activity (academic activities, academic environment, scientific potential and research results, availability of material and information conditions for productive research and creative achievements in the doctoral programme and competitiveness of the doctoral programme) the Standing Committee applied the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal assessments on the criteria are "substantial compliance" and "full compliance" respectively and are in compliance and relevance with estimates under art. 79, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act.**

After summarizing the results from voting based on the adopted by the Accreditation Council to NEAA "Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences took the following **DECISIONS on 05.02.2016:**

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme “Technology of silicates, binders and refractory nonmetallic materials” from a professional field 5.10 “Chemical Technologies” at the Chemical Technology and Metallurgy University, on the grounds of an overall assessment: 9.63 (nine point sixty-three hundredths).

2. The validity of accreditation is SIX years.

Chairperson of SCTMS:

(Prof. Dr. Racho Ivanov)