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ABOUT THE COVER: Peralkaline rocks of the

Lovozero plateau (in the

background) in the Kola

Peninsula host loparite deposits

that have been exploited in the Karnasurt mine (pictured here) since 1951 and served as the principal source of rare earths

for Soviet industry. Loparite

drastically since the collapse

rich nepheline syenite making

up the "roof" of the Lovozero plateau could breathe new life

into this region and the entire

Russian rare earth industry if

elements from eudialyte.

technologists figure out a way to profitably recover these

of the USSR due to market pressure and other economic problems. The deposits of weathering-resistant, eudialyte-

production has declined



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