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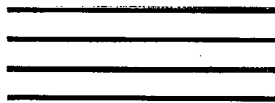
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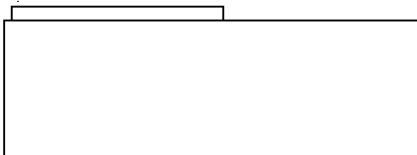


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Russia: — **Selling Nuclear Test Equipment to China**

[redacted] the Research Institute of Pulse Technology (VNIIT), the primary supplier of instrumentation to Russia's nuclear test sites, has sold advanced instrumentation equipment to China for use in its nuclear testing program. [redacted] China is now VNIIT's largest market for nuclear testing equipment.

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China could use the equipment for hydrodynamic testing to maintain the reliability and safety of its nuclear stockpile or in civil nuclear experiments, such as inertial confinement fusion.

- *VNIIT sales to China would help to compensate for a lack of domestic orders for testing equipment.*
- *China is observing a nuclear test moratorium and is unlikely to resume full-scale testing in the near term. Russian equipment could, however, be used for China's planned "simulated" nuclear tests at Lop Nur.* [redacted] [redacted]