## ABSTRACT

Research work contains: 74 pages, 17 drawings, 13 tab., 39 sources of literature.

Purpose: This paper presents an overview of the current state of theory and technology of composite systems ZrO<sub>2</sub>-NbB<sub>2</sub>.

Research methods: the study of patterns of structure of alloys of ZrO<sub>2</sub>-NbB<sub>2</sub> and charting fusibility, research microstructure, hardness and phase composition.

The Object of research: the influence in the percentage of niobium diboride on the structure and properties of the system  $ZrO_2$ -NbB<sub>2</sub>.

Scientific novelty: microhardness found for each alloy under study. Determined average of HV Med., GPa 10 % NbB<sub>2</sub> – 6,6 GPa, 20 % NbB<sub>2</sub> – 7,4 GPa, 30 % NbB<sub>2</sub> – 8,6 GPa, 40 % NbB<sub>2</sub> – 11,5 GPa, 50 % NbB<sub>2</sub> dark phase – 12 GPa, light phase ––17.7 GPa, 70 % NbB<sub>2</sub> – 20 GPa and 90 % NbB<sub>2</sub> – 32 GPa.

It was built fusibility diagram of system  $ZrO_2$ -NbB<sub>2</sub>. The diagram is eutectic character coordinates eutectic point ~ 40 % NbB<sub>2</sub>; Tp $\approx$  2050 ° C. The microstructure of eutectic alloy has a lamellar structure. Microhardness eutectic alloy is 11.5 GPa.

The method of X-ray analysis, it was found that in the hypereutectic alloys of this system consists of two phases  $- ZrO_2$ , and NbB<sub>2</sub>.

Keywords: ZIRCONIUM DIOXIDE, NIOBIUM DIBORIDE, MICROHARDNESS, FUSIBILITY DIAGRAM, CERAMICS, X-RAY ANALYSIS.