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NOVATEK AND ROSNEFT ENTER COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Moscow, 30 June 2005 - OAO NOVATEK and OAO NK Rosneft have signed a long-term cooperation agreement with respect to the development of the Termokarstovoye field and Kiynsko Chaselskiy license area, which are located in the Krasnoselkupsky district of the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District (YaNAO). The agreement was signed by NOVATEK Chief Executive Officer, Leonid Mikhelson and Rosneft President, Sergey Bogdanchikov.

The agreement sets forth the principles of cooperation for the development of the Termokarstovoye field (according to the subsoil use license, which is held by a subsidiary of NOVATEK) and the Kiynsko Chaselskiy license area (according to the licenses for subsoil use, which are held by a subsidiary of Rosneft) in order to provide for maximum downstream processing efficiency at these fields.

The Kiynsko Chaselskiy license area is situated 150 km north-east of Tarko-Sale (YANAO). The Termokarstovoye gas and gas condensate field is located 60 km north-east of the Kiynsko Chaselskiy license area. Rosneft and NOVATEK intend to jointly use and develop the transport and downstream infrastructure of these fields.

The parties have agreed to jointly finance the construction of an external pipeline system to transport gas from the Kiynsko Chaselskiy license area, in quantities proportionate to the production of their own fields. The agreement allows NOVATEK to build gas and condensate pipelines from the Termokarstovoye field to the appropriate points of entry into Rosneft's pipeline system at the Kiynsko Chaselskiy license area. Rosneft will provide NOVATEK with services for the preparation, processing and rail shipment of gas condensate produced at the Termokarstovoye field, using existing and projected infrastructure facilities.

The parties have expressed their intention to participate in the implementation of the social development plan of the Krasnoselkupsky district of YaNAO, and to assist in the environmental enhancement of the territory.

Rosneft and NOVATEK have also signed an agreement whereby Rosneft will purchase from NOVATEK a 34% stake in OAO Selkupneftegas. The transaction amount remains undisclosed.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

The Termokarstovoye gas and gas condensate field

The field has been developed by NOVATEK's subsidiary - OOO Terneftegas and is located 220 km north-east of Tarko-Sale. The field has ABC1 natural gas reserves of 41.6 billion cubic metres and liquid hydrocarbon reserves of 9 million tonnes.

Kiynsko Chaselskiy license area

Production at the Kiynskoye field commenced in March 2003 and the field is in its first stage of its development programme. The Kiynsko Chaselskiy license area is located in the YaNAO and have

recoverable reserves: oil - 10.4 million tonnes; gas condensate – 13 million tonnes / 103 billion cubic metres.

Open Joint Stock Company «Selkupneftegas»

Open Joint Stock Company Selkupneftegas was registered in the United State Register of Legal Entities under principal state registration number 1028900699024 on 12 May 2000 by the Administration of the Krasnoselkupsky District, YaNAO, at: Settlement of Krasnoselkup, Krasnoselkupsky District, Tyumen Region, Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District, Russian Federation.

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