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Regarding the stationing of ships  
of the Novorossiysk Naval Base

Dear Mikhail Mikhailovich!

In accordance with the Decree of the Government of RF №1011-47 dated 08.08.1994 “On forming of the Novorossiysk naval district and establishment of the basing system for naval forces on the Krasnodar Territory”, the Novorossiysk naval district started forming, and three years later transformed into a naval base (NNB).

The key obstacle for the Black Sea Fleet to establish its own coastal ship stationing infrastructure is the absence of berths and lack of funding for their construction. Administration of the territory is attentive to the problems of the navy crew and helps to solve the tasks of protecting southern borders of Russia. At the same time, current practice of deployment of naval objects on the Krasnodar Territory shows that this process is not systemic.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> State Maritime Design Institute has developed a declaration of intent to base the NNB ships in the area of the Geological port, however, the agreement between the Russian Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Environment “On joint use of industrial maritime constructions, berths and coastal facilities of the Geological port” does not let it happen. As a result, the NNB cannot fully utilize its own pier, built at the expense of the Russian Ministry of Defense. In current situation, Turkish ferries nearly “regulate” the passage of Russian warships and their access to the berth. Existing Turkish ferry line crosses the route of our naval ships and poses a threat to their safe stationing. For example, on 28.10.2002 an accident happened in the Novorossiysk seaport. Due to a barrage of strong winds a Turkish ferry “MARMARA PRINCESS” has torn its mooring lines, drifted from the 4<sup>th</sup> berth of the Geoport and collided with the amphibious assault ship BDK-65 and the VTN-96 bunkering vessel moored to the floating pier of the NNB.

As a result of the collision with the Turkish ferry, both ships and the floating pier suffered damage, a mooring buoy with a 30-ton bulk was disrupted and displaced. According to the Command, NNB suffered a damage of 12.5 million rubles.

Activity of the ferry line does not let the Navy facilitate its tactical plan to bolster the naval forces and establish a basing point for the NNB ships, variants of which, with the usage of infrastructure and hydro-technical facilities of the Geoport, have been designed by the 23<sup>rd</sup> State Maritime Design Institute.

In order to secure the strategic interests of Russian Federation in the field of defense, and in order to solve the problems of the deployment of coastal infrastructure and NNB ships, we believe it is expedient to solve the following problems:

- Develop, and align with the Government of RF, a Federal targeted program for the stationing of Black Sea Fleet ships, funded from the federal budget;

- Transfer the federal property and other hydro-technical facilities, managed by the affiliate Federal unitary enterprise “Maritime geological port” (DGUP “Geoport” of the GGP “NPO Yuzhmorgeologiya”) to the Russian Ministry of Defense for further development of the NNB.



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