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Regarding the support of YACONTO Integrated Program

To the President of YACONTO LLC

S.P. Yakunin

Much Esteemed Sergey Pavlovich!

Answering your appeal to the Russian Academy of Sciences (out.  $\mathbb{N}$  1-61226 from 26.12.2006), as requested by Laverov Nikolay Pavlovich, the Vice President of RAS, I inform you that Institute of Environmental Geoscience of RAS has reviewed the presented materials of non-state investment YACONTO Integrated Program for the construction of a «Commercial Black Sea port YACONTO» in Tuapse region of Krasnodar Territory, capable of transshipping 100 million tons of cargo per annum, an establishment of a Tuapse Naval Base for basing and reparation of Russian Black Sea Fleet ships and a creation of a single production, transport and social infrastructures for both objects.

Institute of Environmental Geoscience of RAS fully supports the construction of the aforementioned objects and is ready to take part in problem solving. In particular, we could participate in decision making on the final location of the construction site for «YACONTO Port» and compiling the program for certain special environmental works. I suppose it's most appropriate to start these works right after the final decision of the competent authorities regarding the development of YACONTO Integrated Program.

Respectfully yours, Director of the Sergeev Institute Frunk V.I. Osipov of Environmental Geoscience

(The Russian text of this letter is an original.)