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To the First Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Russian Federation, Lieutenant General

A.G. BURUTIN

Dear Alexander Germanovich!

President of YACONTO LLC (Moscow) Sergey Pavlovich Yakunin appealed to me (out. №80116-9 of 16.01.2008), asking to support the nongovernmental investment YACONTO Integrated Program. The Program has federal and nationwide significance, corresponds to the Address of the President of Russian Federation Vladimir Putin to the Federal Assembly of 26.04.2007 and his speech in the State Council in Kremlin on 08.02.2008. It consists of large, promising projects and programs, included in the YACONTO List of Projects of 09.05.2005 to be implemented in Russia by attracting large extrabudgetary funding and other Russian and foreign investment resources. However, a group of officials has been actively opposing the implementation of the YACONTO Integrated Program since 2001.

I kindly ask you to take a non-standard decision on the appeal of YACONTO LLC to you (out. $N \ge 80314$ -1 of 14.03.2008), give orders to conduct a thorough verification of facts set forth in the letter attached therein (out. $N \ge 80116$ -1 of 16.01.2008) and support – before the Russian Defense Minister and the Russian Government – the implementation of the YACONTO Integrated Program, which opens up prospects for the country and is aimed at socio-economical development, defense and security of Russia in the Azov – Black Sea basin, and in particular, at establishment of forward basing points for modern warships and vessels of the Black Sea Fleet on Russian shore, provided that the latter is to be withdrawn from Sevastopol in 2017.

Please inform me on the decision you take, so that deputies of the State Duma from different committees and factions, which closely monitor the situation around the YACONTO Integrated Program, can familiarize themselves with it.

Attachment: Letter from YACONTO LLC to the First Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Russia A.G. Burutin (out. No80314-1 of 14.03.2008) on 2 pages.

Best regards,

Deputy of the State Duma, Member of the Defense Committee Admiral

V.P. Komoedov

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