

**13.11.2000 № 3/13-11-PYA****To the President  
of Russian Federation  
PUTIN V.V.****On the support of the Program for the crea-  
tion of a new Black Sea commercial port  
in Tuapse region of Krasnodar Territory****Dear Vladimir Vladimirovich !**

YACONTO LLC has developed a program for the construction of a new Black Sea Commercial Port (hereinafter BSCP), located 1.6 kilometers south-east of Tuapse Trade Seaport in the area of railway platforms “Vesna” and “Yuzhni”. We propose the construction of a port with 36 deep water berths, three harbors, each with a particular specialization, which allows phased commissioning of each harbor upon its readiness. The total construction cost of BSCP is 1.5 billion U.S. dollars.

The capacity of BSCP allows for the transshipment of 60 million tons of bulk and general cargo, oil, petroleum products and liquefied gas with the use of modern technology in all components of the transshipment.

There are ready projects that significantly improve the railway component in the general direction of Sochi and at the same time ensure loading the BSCP capacities with a train fleet without the construction of railway tunnels.

BSCP stimulates the development of federal highway involved in its maintenance, and is able to redirect trucking in line with the construction of an automobile tunnel under the Shahumian pass which provides free passage of the traffic in South and North directions.

BSCP can improve the environmental conditions of the city of Tuapse through the withdrawal of transit traffic from the city and reduce the length of the federal road to the city of Sochi by 6 km.

In order to provide the power supply to BSCP, a creation of a structurally new hydroelectric power plant on the River Kuban, which produces up to 60 MW per hour, is planned.

BSCP occupies 2600 meters of the shoreline and at the same time introduces 10500 meters of berthage as well as a 3-km rowing canal and a yacht club with a 20-hectare water area.

There is also an alternative project of a port strongly lobbied by the Marine Administration of Tuapse Port. The project stubbornly proposes the use of more than 5000 meters of shoreline of a unique landscape, known around the world for its beauty, from the middle of Cape Kadosh to Agoi river, but at the same time introduces just 4940 meters of berthage, damaging the environment of Southern Russia and beyond. This will lead to destruction of the recreation zone with a large complex of prestigious resorts, through which the construction of new tunnels and a railroad branch is planned, passing through the densely populated rural area inhabited by a small nation of Adyghe-Shapsugs, which would ignite a new conflict in the Caucasus.

Based on the current situation in Russia, anticipating the headcount reduction in the armed forces and the navy, the construction of BSCP deals with the problem of employment of the local population as well as the retired officers and their families, providing the opportunity to employ them in the new port, which will create 15 thousand jobs. Availability of BSCP will also develop the respective infrastructure that will create even more jobs, which will solve the problem of employment in the region.

Phased construction of BSCP will take 5 years. Upon its completion, the areas of the Tuapse Trade Seaport can be transferred to the Ministry of Defense of RF for the construction of a Black Sea Naval Base of RF, where the repair and bunkering components are already present. Besides, the servicemen and the retired of the armed forces entering Tuapse region will equalize the emerging imbalance coming from the prevalence of people from other former Soviet republics and soothe certain tensions associated with that in the North Caucasus as a whole.

Ethnic situation in the area took shape in decades, and it needs to be regulated. All the more so that the city and the Tuapse region are a buffer zone between the former Soviet republics and Russia. This imposes certain obligations on the government agencies to keep foreign interference and criminal structures away from the region.

BSCP provides rapid development of economy and political reforms in Russia, aimed at cooperation with the sovereign states of the former USSR, as well as Asia, Europe and Africa, including countries in the Middle East. This allows preparing the Russian transport system for the regularly expanding freight traffic, making it attractive to the world market of services.

Pre-project proposal of YACONTO LLC for the construction of BSCP is two times cheaper in implementation than the alternative project proposed by the Tuapse MAP, three times faster from the start-up perspective, twice as powerful on the turnover of goods and, therefore, preferable from all perspectives. If the YACONTO project is supported, an optimal scheme of funding of the BSCP construction will be offered. We are ready to provide preliminary technical and economical indicators for the construction of a new port upon request.

YACONTO LLC (Moscow) is the full and sole successor of Moscow-based companies Firm YACONTO LLP, Trade House YACONTO SE and Concern YACONTO CJSC.

A similar appeal has already been sent to the State Duma of Russian Federation.

Please support our proposal for the construction of a new Black Sea Commercial Port before the Government and the State Duma of Russian Federation.

**President**



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