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Regarding the construction of a seaport
near Tuapse city
Order of the RF Government Executive Office
from 17.11.2000 № P10-2136

To the President of YACONTO LLC
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Dear Sergey Pavlovich!

In accordance with the Order of the Government Executive Office of Russian Federation, your letter addressed to the President of Russian Federation V.V. Putin has been reviewed in the Ministry of Transport of Russian Federation.

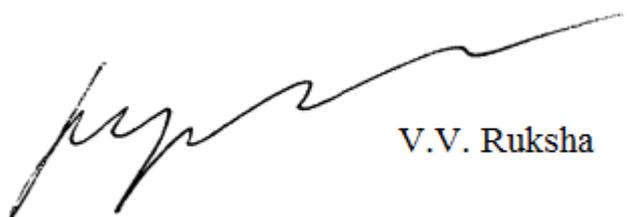
The Program for the revival of Russian merchant fleet presumes a creation of a new seaport on the Black Sea coast. As a result of the preliminary design study, several options for placing such a port have been defined.

The Ministry of Transport of Russia supports the proposal of YACONTO for the creation of a seaport in Tuapse region of Krasnodar Territory as an alternative option, taking into account the eagerness of YACONTO to provide funding for design works and construction of the seaport complex with all necessary transportation infrastructure and utilities.

Under current law, at the initial stage of the design you need to prepare a petition (declaration) of intent, obtain the concurrence of the Ministry of Transport of Russia and direct it to the executive agencies of Krasnodar Territory; area for design and study activities will be allocated to you on the basis of this document. Justification of investment and a development of technical and economical feasibility study are the next stages of the project.

After reviewing the technical and economical design study, the Ministry of Transport of Russia will take an appropriate decision on the construction of a new commercial seaport.

We recommend involving institute “Soyuzmorniiproekt”, which has necessary design studies for the Black Sea coast and a rich experience in designing seaports in Azov - Black Sea, Caspian, Far Eastern basins and foreign countries, to the project design.



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