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**To the President
of YACONTO LLC**

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Re № 1-61226 from 26.12.2006

S.P. Yakunin

On the support of YACONTO Integrated Program

Dear Sergey Pavlovich !

Answering your appeal to the Russian Academy of Sciences (out. № 1-61226 from 26.12.2006) on behalf of Laverov Nikolay Pavlovich, the Vice President of RAS, I inform you that Shirshov Institute of Oceanology of RAS and the leadership of RAS have 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 over 100 million tons of cargo per year, 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.

Shirshov Institute of Oceanology of RAS and the Russian Academy of Sciences are ready to provide scientific support for the YACONTO Integrated Program if it's supported on the state level.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Institute of Oceanology,
Member of the Presidium of RAS
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(The Russian text of this letter is an original.)