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**To the Prime Minister
of Russian Federation**

V.V. PUTIN

Dear Vladimir Vladimirovich!

I have been supporting the non-state investment YACONTO Integrated Program for years. Developed by YACONTO LLC, the Program proposes a construction of a modern large-scale «Commercial Black Sea port YACONTO» for handling over 100 million tons of cargo per year and the creation of a Tuapse Naval Base (TNB) as the main point of basing and repair of ships and vessels of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. The assessment of this Program has been dragged on for 7 years.

The «YACONTO Port», TNB and their unified infrastructure are planned to be built in the coastal mountainous terrain of Shepsie rural district. Extraction of the rock would provide means for the creation of an artificial bay of right size and depth for the TNB water area and thus solve the question of the main basing point of the Russian Black Sea Fleet.

This rock will be effectively used for the expansion of the Black Sea coastline and creation of constructions protecting the bank from erosion; creation of artificial coastal land for the construction of world class sporting facilities and resorts; production of cement out of marl contained in the rock; creation of a new high-speed highway; relocation of the railroad inland from the Black Sea coast; supplying the «Sochi-2014» Winter Olympics construction with raw materials.

Construction of the «YACONTO Port» and the TNB in neighborhood, within 5 - 7 km of the city of Tuapse with a shared production, transport and social infrastructure, will: secure socio-economic development of the Tuapse region, city of Tuapse, Krasnodar Territory and Russia as a whole; provide growth and expansion opportunities to the businesses of “Russian Railways” JSC, Oil Company “Rosneft” JSC, Oil Company “Transneft” JSC, “Gazpom” JSC; solve the problem of the disastrous environmental conditions in Tuapse city; strengthen Russia’s security and defense in Azov - Black Sea basin and reassert Russian influence in the Mediterranean sea.

The Program has many significant advantages over other options. It has been studied by the Ministry of Defense of RF and the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Russia and can be taken as a basis. The most significant advantages of the Program manifest in operational and strategic basing and natural and climatic conditions in comparison with the previously proposed plan of the naval base for the Russian Black Sea Fleet.

The Program will also solve the environmental problems of Tuapse, the City of Military Glory, coming from an illegal surge of industrial impact on its residential area, solve the problems of the protection of rights and legitimate interests of Russian citizens living in Tuapse city which falls under the Bucharest Convention «On the protection of the Black Sea from pollution» of 21.04.1992, ratified by the order of the Supreme Soviet of Russian Federation № 5614-1 from 12.08.1993 and thereby remove one of the main arguments against the preparation and conduction of XXII Winter Olympics and XI Winter Paralympics in Sochi in 2014.

YACONTO LLC has serious offers for complete funding of the large-scale diversified YACONTO Integrated Program coming from major international companies and associations on long-term mutually beneficial terms. Detailed information can be found in the YACONTO Explanatory Note from 09.05.2008.

It's not the funding, but the decision on the political and administrative support on the highest governmental level that is required to start the implementation of the Program.

I am confident that the Program fully corresponds with the strategy of Russia's development up to year 2020 and must be supported alongside the similar programs in Northern Russia and the Far East.

Dear Vladimir Vladimirovich, I ask you to support the implementation of the non-state investment YACONTO Integrated Program of federal and nationwide significance, as it will solve many problems of the Southern Russia.

Attachment: 25 documents on 80 sheets.

Respectfully yours,

Deputy of SD FA RF,
Deputy Head of the SD
Faction «A JUST RUSSIA»



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