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To the Deputy Prime Minister of Russian Federation, Chairman of the Marine Board of the Government of Russian Federation

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Dear Sergey Borisovich!

President of YACONTO LLC S.P. Yakunin has addressed the State Duma seeking support to the Program of the construction of a commercial seaport and a naval base in Tuapse region of Krasnodar Territory. At its meeting on January 21st 2009 the Committee for Transport of the State Duma, with the participation of the representative of Defense Committee of the State Duma, has reviewed the said Program.

The deputies of the State Duma consider the task of expanding Russian presence in the Black Sea, in particular, through the construction of a commercial seaport and a naval base, to be extremely important from the perspective of geoeconomical and geopolitical interests of Russia.

We hereby submit the respective decision of the Committee and the materials of the Program.

We kindly ask you, dear Sergey Borisovich, to review the said program and provide the feedback of the Government of Russian Federation on this topic.

Attachment: on 109 pages.

Chairman of the Committee, Member of the Marine Board

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S.N. Shishkarev

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