



RAO/CIS Offshore 2013

11th International Conference and Exhibition for Oil and Gas Resources
Development of the Russian Arctic and Continental Shelf

Official post show report

It is too early to draw the line under discussions of continental shelf development strategy; the dialogue will be continued at RAO/CIS Offshore 2015

On September 13, the 11th International Conference and Exhibition for Oil and Gas Resources Development of the Russian Arctic and CIS Continental Shelf RAO/CIS Offshore was concluded.

The history of RAO/CIS Offshore dates back to 1993. For these twenty years there has been a significant breakthrough in the development of the Russian shelf. The exploration of oil and gas resources on the shelf of Sakhalin Island has started and has been steadily progressing. In harsh environments Gazprom and Sevmash have managed to construct and set up an ice-resistant oil platform at Prirazlomnoye oil field in the Pechora Sea and have started test drilling. Lukoil is developing oil and gas fields in the Baltic and the Caspian seas as well as transports oil extracted in the Timan-Pechora oil and gas bearing province via the western sector of the Northern Sea Route. The Government of the Russian Federation has signed the Strategy for the development of the Arctic and the Arctic shelf. The development of oil and gas resources in the frozen seas has become a vital task for oil and gas, shipbuilding and machine building industries. The importance of the Arctic region for people's welfare and the enormous energy resources potential determine the relevance of the international cooperation for the development of the Arctic shelf; and RAO/CIS Offshore Conference and Exhibition is a vital element of this cooperation development.

This edition of RAO/CIS Offshore was opened with a plenary session on 'International cooperation for the Arctic development.' In his welcome speech, Alexey Kontorovich, Academician, Chairman of Research Council of Russian Academy of Sciences for Geology, Oil and Gas Resources Development said that this year the event has brought together 630 delegates and 280 companies and enterprises from 21 countries. According to him, such a wide interest among the players of the natural resource development market once again underlines the relevance of the topics addressed at the conference: 'The Arctic is a unique region rich in oil and gas, as evidenced by all recent geophysical and geological research. Unique discoveries of new deposits occur regularly on the Arctic shelves, which certainly can and should have a positive impact on the development of the energy potential of the state, and, subsequently, its general welfare.'

In 2013, a busy programme was prepared for participants and guests of RAO/CIS Offshore - three plenary sessions, eleven thematic round tables, students section activities, Matchmaking, Innovation award. Meetings of experts were focused on the latest trends of the continental shelf development in terms of scientific, technical, economic and environmental aspects. The state of exploration of resources of the continental shelf, technical and economic assessment of major projects, development of advanced underwater technologies, environmental and industrial safety were the questions of extensive discussion.

The working sessions and official events RAO/CIS Offshore 2013 were attended by senior managers of federal executive bodies, specialised ministries and institutions, research and business, including: Kirill MOLODTSOV, Deputy Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation; Denis KHRAMOV, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation; Valery GOLUBEV, Deputy Chairman of the Management Committee of Gazprom; Andrey SHISHKIN, Vice President of Rosneft; Anton VASILIEV, Ambassador-at-Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Chair of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council; Vladimir MILOVIDOV, Vice President of Rosneft; Margarita HOFFMANN, Managing Director of Wintershall Russland GmbH, Sergey MINGAREEV, Corporate Government Affairs Director, Total E&P Russie; Svein Aage OLSEN, Head of Government

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All participants of RAO/CIS Offshore noted that the uniqueness of the event this year is that for the first time the Exhibition, the Matchmaking and Conference Program part took part in one venue, making the event not only beneficial to its members, but also comfortable from an organisational point of view.

In his speech at the official opening, the Deputy Minister of Energy Kirill Molodtsov stressed that for the first time in 2013 RAO/CIS Offshore is held by the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation (No 989-R of 15 June 2013) which testifies the importance of the Arctic shelf development. Today's event is the very link between the government, business and research centres, which makes it possible to draw the experts' attention to the problems of the industry and switch the subsoil use policies to a new innovative track.

Major players of oil and gas industry displayed their expositions in the exhibition hall - operating companies, engineering and servicing companies, research institutes: Gazprom, Rosneft, Lukoil, Gasflot, Wintershall, Halliburton, Total, Schlumberger, FMC Technologies, ABS, Kosmos-Neft-Gas, Sevmash, Vyborg Shipyard, A.P. Karpinsky Russian Geological Research Institute and many others. The companies presented priority investment projects, new technologies for the development of hydrocarbon resources, offshore structures, facilities for the shelf infrastructure development.

Participants of the events of RAO/CIS Offshore 2013 were provided a unique opportunity not only to have a comprehensive discussion of the achievements and problems of development of the continental shelf and the new technologies for oil and gas exploitation in the harsh conditions of northern seas, but also to hold business meetings in the Matchmaking. The most active participants of the Matchmaking included VERTESZ Peterburg, NK Rosneft - NTC, DNV Software, Soil Machine Dynamics, Technology Centre 'Instrument', Oil & Gas Systems Baltia, Jan De Nul N.V., Value ARKA consulting LLC, AMIGE, VNIPIgazdobycha, ThyssenKrupp Uhde, Association of Oil & Gas Suppliers Sozvezdye, CDB Corall.

On September 12, results of the first phase of Innovation Award in the framework of the 11th International Conference and Exhibition RAO/CIS Offshore were announced, as well as results of the Best Stand Award. The first place in the category 'The most informative stand' were rightly shared by Gazprom and Rosneft. Also, to the applause of those present, LUKOIL and Wintershall were awarded for the second place, and Gasflot and Total E&P Russia for the third place in the same category.

In the category 'The most creative stand design', Lukoil was the overall winner this year. The second place was shared by Gazprom and Rosneft. The third tier of the podium was shared by Baltnefteprovod, Gasflot, Wintershall and Halliburton. Kosmos-Neft-Gas and Zavod SiN-Gas companies were awarded in the category 'Audience Choice Award.'

For the first time in the RAO/CIS Offshore, the Innovation Award organised with the participation of the Ministry of Energy of Russia was held. The main purpose of the Competition was to stimulate the development of the existing solutions and introduce new ideas at every stage of the value chain - the production chain: exploration, refining, transportation, and consumption. The winners of the Award were innovations by Halliburton, Parsam, Nizhny Novgorod State Technical University n.a. R.E. Alekseev, Maritime Engineering, and Zavod SiN-Gas.

At the conclusion of the event, delegates who gathered at the final Plenary session stated that RAO/CIS Offshore 2013 is one of best events of the industry in the world organized and held at the highest scientific and technical level. 630 delegates from 21 countries participated in the Conference. 210 presentations were made during the four days of the Conference; about 2 500 trade visitors from Russia, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Poland, the USA, Turkey, the UK and Ukraine attended the exhibition. Participants thanked the organisers and each other for the fruitful work and expressed an intention to continue their constructive dialogue in 2015 at the 12th International Conference and Exhibition RAO/CIS Offshore.

The organisers of the RAO/CIS Offshore are: the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, the Federal Subsoil Resources Management Agency, Russian Academy of Sciences, Gazprom JSC, Rosneft OJSC, DOAO CKBN Gazprom, Gazprom Dobycha Shelf and RESTEC® Exhibition Company.

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