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JOINT LETTER OF THE U.S. AND RUSSIAN SECRETARIATS

Dear 2007 Annual Meeting Attendees and RAPP Constituents,

The 12th annual meeting was a success, providing greater awareness of, and consensus around, issues between the United States and Russia in furthering cooperation in and between our Pacific regions. The quality of attendance and participation at this annual meeting was evident in the presentations and break-out session reports. We are indebted to Governor Alexander Khoroshavin and the Sakhalin Regional Administration for their help organizing and hosting the 12th annual meeting.

We especially thank Igor Neverov and Paul Dyck for their able leadership as meeting co-chairs and the many representatives of the U.S. Departments of Commerce and State and the Ministries of Economic Development and Trade and Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for their continued involvement. We applaud the breakout session co-moderators and participants on their excellent reports and recommendations which will guide our work over the year. Our deep gratitude to the 2007 RAPP sponsors for their support and partnership in improving relations and business opportunities between our countries.

Among all bilateral relations, U.S.-Russian relations, while complex and challenging, continue to hold the greatest unleashed potential for mutual benefit. Improved trans-Pacific cooperation presents a particularly bright opportunity in this bilateral relationship. The potential for cooperation on the projects within the Russian federal project "Economic and Social Development of the Far East and Zabaikalye Through 2013" could significantly expand Russian-American cooperation. Our Secretariats are committed to identifying new opportunities by advancing discussions and consensus so that the mutual interests of our companies, regions and countries may be expressed in these projects moving forward.

We appreciate your review of this report and encourage your comments to either of our Secretariats. We look forward to a highly-productive year and to greeting you at RAPP's 2008 annual meeting in the United States!

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Joint Report Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP)

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Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Sakhalin Region, Russian Federation

Executive Summary

The bilateral forum "Russian American Pacific Partnership" held its 12th annual meeting in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Sakhalin Region, Russia from August 28th to 30th, 2007. Approximately 120 public and private sector, and academic-scientific community representatives participated in the RAPP meeting from seven subject regions of the Russian Federation including Moscow, and from five states and the District of Columbia of the U.S. **Anatoly Boury**, Director of the Russian Secretariat of RAPP, and **Derek Norberg**, Director of the U.S. Secretariat of RAPP, were responsible for the organization of the meeting.

The 12th annual RAPP meeting was co-chaired by **Igor Neverov**, Director of the Department of North America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and **Paul Dyck**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe, U.S. Department of Commerce.

At on 29 August, **Vadim Rokotov**, launched the Opening Plenary of the RAPP 12th annual meeting and introduced the Acting Governor of the Sakhalin Region. **Natalya Novikova**, Acting Governor of the Sakhalin Region delivered the host-region's welcoming remarks on behalf of Governor **Alexander Khoroshavin**. In her address, Novikova noted that the United States occupies a leading position in Sakhalin Region's foreign trade, among the top three trade partners, behind only Korea and Japan. The principal items of export are fish and seafood, metals and metal products, and services. The main imports from the U.S. are vehicles and equipment, metal and metal fabrications, tools, heavy machinery, and various services. Promising areas for cooperation with American companies are environmental protection, workforce (professional) training, transportation infrastructure improvements, development of the offshore oil and gas projects and their servicing.

RAPP Russian Co-chair **Igor Neverov**, in his plenary address, delivered a message from Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation **Sergey Lavrov** noting the important contributions of RAPP over its twelve years to the development of bilateral relations between the Russian federation and the United States. Neverov cited, among positive developments in US-Russian relations, the November 2006 signing in Hanoi, Vietnam of the U.S.-Russian agreement-in-principal on Russia's ascension to the World Trade Organization (WTO). At the same time, he reminded that the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 continues to be applied with respect to Russia. The continued application of the Amendment to Russia is an anachronism detrimental to the quality of our trade relations. Removing Russia from the effect of the Amendment would be an act of U.S. political goodwill, but is also required to implement the rules of the WTO to Russian-American relations once Russian ascension to that institution is completed. Neverov informed on the economic achievements of the country and Russia's progress integrating to the world economic institutions including Russia's intent to join the Organization for Economic Development and Co-operation (OECD) and to participate in the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as a donor. Neverov noted the sustained impressive growth of the Russian economy over recent years reflected in the seven percent increase in Gross Domestic Production (GDP) in 2006 and Russia's position among the world's leaders in the attraction of foreign investment capital. The cumulative U.S. investments in Russia as of the end of June 2007 of \$7.41 billion earned the U.S. sixth place among foreign nation states and, according to the level of direct foreign investment at \$3.63 billion, third place. Neverov characterized last year's Russian-U.S. trade level of over 25 Billion Dollars as a "start position" with the real opportunity to rapidly increase trade in the near future.

While noting that the oil sector accounts for half of U.S. investment in Russia today, Neverov cited opportunities for bilateral cooperation, including construction, transportation, high technologies and aeronautics. Neverov suggested RAPP consider expanding its geographical focus to include the Russian regions of Siberia and U.S. regions as far east as the Appalachians, and possibly to include Canadian partners in British Columbia and Alberta. Neverov emphasized the continued relevance of the RAPP as a forum activity in Russian-American bilateral relations.

RAPP U.S. Co-chair **Paul Dyck**, in his address, emphasized the considerable and growing importance that the United States places on its business ties with Russia. He noted that expanding commercial relations between the United States and Russia are creating greater prosperity for our citizens and providing a common basis for both nations to develop a better overall relationship. U.S. exports to Russia grew by 20 percent to \$4.7 billion in 2006, while Russian exports increased 30 percent to \$20 billion. Cumulative direct investment in Russia by U.S. companies and their subsidiaries has reached an estimated \$11 billion, while Russian direct investment in the United States has, for the first time, become significant, possibly exceeding \$4 billion. Dyck characterized the prospects for continued rapid trade and investment growth as good, provided that Russia continues to reform its economy, maintain disciplined fiscal and monetary policy, open its markets and further improve conditions conducive to new business development and the growth of businesses in Russia.

Completing Russia's World Trade Organization (WTO) accession and maintaining an open environment for foreign investment in Russia are central to bilateral discussions ongoing between the Commerce Department and Russian government counterparts. Dyck stressed that the creation of transparent markets that embrace foreign and domestic competition will help maximize Russia's commercial engagement with the United States and globally. He also noted that U.S. companies have expressed concern over legislation before the Russian Duma limiting foreign investment in energy, aviation, and other so-called strategic sectors. Dyck acknowledged that the United States also has policies to scrutinize foreign investments in areas where national security concerns may be involved, but encouraged that such limitations be narrow, as clearly focused as possible, and no greater than truly necessary so that economic opportunities not be sacrificed. He cited the Sakhalin shelf oil and gas projects as an example where U.S. firms have invested in Russia with the capital and technology needed to develop climatically and environmentally challenging projects.

Among positive prospects for expanding U.S.-Russian Far East business ties, Dyck cited the construction and investment boom anticipated with Vladivostok's preparations to host the 2012 APEC Summit and the Russian federal Far East development plan. In closing, he commended the RAPP forum's twelve years of constructive dialogue as an example of an enduring bilateral commitment based on mutual interest and respect. He further emphasized that RAPP continues to be a useful and dynamic forum for expanding bilateral economic relations and regional development.

Thomas Armbruster, Consul General of the United States Consulate General in Vladivostok, addressed the forum and used a variety of Russian proverbs to illustrate the need for full partnership to overcome the issues and advance U.S.-Russian cooperation. He stressed that we all have a role to play, and an obligation to find international solutions to global challenges. The Consul General expressed his pride that, over the past 15 years, U.S.-Russian relations in the Russian Far East have developed dynamically and positively, but acknowledged much work remains to be done.

Aleksey Overchuk, Deputy Head of the Federal Agency for the Administration of Special Economic Zones, made a presentation on the work of the agency and the benefits afforded residents in the special economic zones of Russia.

James Taylor, Executive Vice President, Exxon Neftegas Limited, Sakhalin-1 Project operator and ExxonMobil affiliate, addressed the plenary session and noted the role of bilateral energy trade as the bridge in Russian-American economic relations. Taylor commented that the United States is the largest consumer of oil resources in the world while Russia is the world's largest producer and exporter of oil and gas. Both nations are equally interested in the development of sustainable, predictable and reliable global energy markets. Taylor expressed that Exxon Neftegas Limited is proud that the Sakhalin-1 Project is a prime example of U.S.-Russian cooperation, together with Japanese and Indian partners. Taylor indicated the project plays a key role in fueling Russian capacity development and that the Russian Content of contracts awarded to date for the Sakhalin-1 Project has reached approximately \$ 3.9 billion, or about two-thirds of the total. Taylor noted the benefits of the Sakhalin-1 Project also lie in the professional opportunities for thousands of Russian citizens through direct and indirect employment, including training and professional development.

Officials representing the U.S. state of Alaska and four subject regions of the Russian Far East and the Siberian regions addressed the Opening Plenary: **Irina Besedina**, Head of Foreign Economic Relations, Government of the Khabarovsk Territory, **Shelley James**, International Trade Representative with the Office of the Governor, State of Alaska, **Nikolai Baramygin**, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Relations, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), **Alexey Polov-**

nikov, Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Kamchatka Region, **Alexander Tarabarko**, Deputy Chairman, Committee of Industry and Natural Resources and Head of Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection of the Chitinskaya Region, **Sergey Tikhomirov**, Deputy Chairman, Executive Committee of the Interregional Association of Economic Cooperation "Siberian Soglasie (Agreement)".

200th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Seminar

Within the scope of the 12th annual meeting of RAPP, a conference was conducted on August 28th commemorating the 200th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and the United States with approximately 100 attendees.

Vadim Rokotov, Chairman of the Committee for International, Foreign Economic and Interregional Relations of the Sakhalin Region, opened the conference and **Oleg Namakonov**, Head of the Sakhalin Region Administration Office, presented the opening address. Lecture addresses were delivered by **Igor Neverov** of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consul General **Thomas Armbruster** of the U.S. Consulate in Vladivostok, **Anatoly Boury**, Deputy Director of the Interregional Association for Economic Cooperation "Far East and Zabaikalye", **Vladimir Efremov**, Chairman of the Sakhalin Regional Duma, **Carol Vipperman**, President of the Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation, **Vladislav Rukavets**, Vice Mayor of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, **Derek Norberg**, Director U.S. Secretariat of RAPP, **Alexey Polovnikov**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, **Victor Korsunov**, Vice Principal for International Affairs with Sakhalin State University, **Tatiana Roon**, Director, Sakhalin Region Museum, **Elena Vyunova**, Senior Manager, Russian American Educational Business Center, and **Olga Pyatnitskaya**, Coordinator of the Sakhalin American Corner. The two surviving members of the four Soviets rescued at-sea by the USS Kearsarge in March of 1960, **Askhat Ziganshin** and **Anatoly Kryukovsky**, were presented letters of commemoration from the U.S. Navy by **Mark Houff**, U.S. Naval Attaché and **John Shearer**, Chief of Staff and Marine Attaché of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

RAPP 12th Break-Out Sessions

On the afternoon of August 29th and morning of August 30th, RAPP attendees worked in three break-out sessions to define issues and form recommendations to improve economic and non-commercial cooperation between the Russian East and the Western U.S. Co-moderators from each side jointly led panel presentations, discussions and formulated recommendations in each of the following breakout sessions:

- "Energy and Support Services"
- "The Business of Transportation"
- "US-Russian Economic Cooperation"

The full break-out session reports developed at the 12th annual meeting, included in this Summary Report, are being forwarded to the appropriate Russian and U.S. government ministries, departments and agencies, and considered by the RAPP Secretariats in forming priorities and initiatives for 2008. On August 30th, at the closing plenary session of the 12th annual meeting, summaries from the break-out sessions were delivered to the meeting's acting Co-Chairs and RAPP Secretariats. The RAPP Secretariats committed by the end of 2007 to advise the 2008 annual meeting in the United States location and dates.



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Breakout Meeting Report
Energy and Support Services

Russian Moderator:

Nikolai Ushakov

American Moderator:

William "Dinty" Miller

Summary of Discussion:

During the series of meetings held on August 29 and 30, 2007 representatives of private and government sectors of Russian Far East and the United States discussed the current status and perspectives of the development of energy projects being implemented in the Russian Far East. Participants of the meeting highlighted the interest of businesses both from Russian and American parties in implementing energy projects. The presenters stressed the companies' social and ecological responsibilities in relation to the local population impacted by oil and gas projects being implemented.

The following people presented their reports on energy projects and investment opportunities: James Taylor, Senior Vice President, Exxon-Neftegas Ltd.; Dmitry Antonov, General Manager ZAO Sakhalin Projects; and Ray Jakubczak, General Director, BP Sakhalin Representative Office. Energy projects in the frame of "Russian Far East and the Zabaikalie" government program were presented by Anatoly Buriy. A presentation on Chita Oblast investment projects was given by Alexander Tarabarko, Deputy Chairman, Committee of Industry and Natural Resources, Head of Natural Resource Management and Environmental Protection. Vladimir Bocharov, representative of Khabarovsk Regional Administration, reported on the introduction of electronic signatures to protect business correspondence.

In conclusion, the sector stressed the necessity for further development of Russian/American partnerships on the federal and especially on the regional levels.

Recommendations:

The energy sector recommends that the Russian government to draw upon the accumulated experience of the U.S. to initiate the development and improvement of the Russian Federation legislative base including legislation in the following areas: taxation, border and customs control, and environmental laws. The sector recommends the involvement of Russian and American businesses.

For the benefit of all stakeholders involved in the oil and gas development activities, we again seek bilateral assistance from relevant Russian authorities to support an effort to clarify tax implications of cost-sharing in strategic areas such as, oil spill response, waste disposal, transportation and other areas of joint business development between PSA and non PSA operators in the Sakhalin Region.

RAPP has grown into a significant bilateral tool and because of the importance of the issues presented we believe that it would be prudent for the Russian and US governments to provide a financial match to the private sector funding. This will allow RAPP to more effectively work issues throughout the year.

Nikolai Ushakov

William "Dinty" Miller



Breakout Meeting Report
The Business of Transportation

Russian Moderator:

Tatyana Konko

American Moderator:

Jose Louro

Summary of Discussion:

Positive results: Global markets including the US west Coast have access to the the ports of the Russian Far each through a myriad of carriers global carrier such as APL with connecting carrier service provided by the likes of FESCO, SASCO, MCL.

Funding: It was announced by Anatoly Bury, Director of the RAPP Russian Secretariat, that a federal program has been approved for improving the general infrastructure of the RFE. This program is scheduled for completion by 2013 and it includes roads, rail, pipelines (oil and gas), marine ports and air ports. The ports included in this upgrade are Nakhodka, Vostochniy and Vanino. Airports include Khabarovsk, Yuzhno and Blagoveschensk.

Marine ports infrastructure: Some of the port facilities have eroded over time and need attention. Specifically the ports of Alexandrovsk, Shaktorsk have very limited water depth and are restricted to small vessel only. The seasonal port of Poronaisk which is already limited to small vessels is silting up and soon it is likely to be closed to all but very small vessels. Likewise the port of Nabil (Kaigan), although it is closed to direct foreign trade, it serves to support the offshore oil & gas industry and is also silting up as a result of a breach in the sand spit that forms the bay that developed naturally over the winter. The Sakhalin Maritime Port Administration, headed by Mr. Kouprianov, agreed that the year-round ports of Korsakov, Kholmok, Shakhtyorsk, Alexandrovsk-Sakhalinskiy in particular need looking after.

Direct flight service between RFE and the US west Coast: Presentations were made to the group by SAT Airlines, DalAvia Airlines and Vladivostok Air about their intentions to start up direct service. Each cited complications of low travel requests. Direct service will likely start next year but most likely be limited to seasonal service June-Sep and/or perhaps on a charter-basis during the summer months.

Increasing air travel between RFE and the US west Coast: Group explored several ideas or ways to increase travel demand such as: 1) Improving airport infrastructure in the RFE; 2) Enabling the booking of flights on Russian regional airlines from abroad; 3) Interline/carrier cooperation, to include frequent flyer programs; 4) Open access to more of the RFE which have restricted border zones for foreign visitors; 5) Providing access to the airport for persons with physical impairments; 6) Limiting (or eliminating) the need for travel to Vladivostok for the purpose of the interview to obtain Visas to the USA.

Airport infrastructure: Opportunities for modernizing airports were discussed to make them more reliable and as such contribute to increased air travel. Facilities are not particularly friendly for first-time travelers, lacking information centers for non-Russian persons. Travelers need comfortable places to rest before/after long trans-Pacific flights. Many airports do not provide easy access facilities for the physically challenged persons such as access ramps, elevators and airplane boarding ramps. Airports often remain closed for days following snow storms. During marginal weather when there is poor or no visibility flights are aborted/cancelled due to lack of instrument-only navigation technology. It is felt that making airport facilities more reliable and user friendly will go along way to increasing air travel to/from the RFE.

Recommendations:

Marine ports infrastructure: As international trade cargo volumes continue to grow, Southern Primorie ports operate at near limit throughput capacity. Transportation infrastructure development has been endorsed by the state (South Primorye Terminal project, Nakhodka-Vostochny Free Port Zone). It is suggested that funding be provided not only by government but also by private sector partnership.

Private businesses should review projects with a view to possible investment.

Government and business entities should look for possibilities to enhance overall port infrastructure, e.g. highways construction, building rail roads and railroad stations in the vicinity of ice-free ports on Sakhalin (Kholmsk, Korsakov, Shakhtyorsk), and to upgrade the specific ports. This is extremely critical to enhance the economic development of the entire region.

Airports infrastructure: Opportunities for modernizing airports were discussed which would improve/increase air travel such: 1) Modernizing facilities for traveler ease of use and comfort; 2) Improving communications technology to allow for processing of e-tickets; 3) Access for the physically impaired; 4) Increase/improve infrastructure to allows airports to stay open during severe weather, i.e. snow removal; 5) Provide technology to allow instrument landing when visibility is limited; 6) Establish regional COOP group between regional airports, government and aviation companies to design improvement to facilities to fit the travelers needs.

Customs: The group feels there is an opportunity to streamline the customs importation process in order to minimize, or better yet, to eliminate delays of URGENT cargo such as that urgently needed to repair airplanes and vessels in order to expedite getting them back into service.

Access for the physically impaired: Access for people with disabilities living in Russia is extremely difficult. There are few, if any accommodations to allow them to travel with or without assistance. Providing access to travel through airports, on aircraft, on motor coaches, and on trains is critical. All people need to travel in order to get education, medical treatment and develop their personal potential outside their homes. It is imperative that transportation and infrastructure upgrades and developments address accessibility for all people, both able bodied and those with physical limitations.

Interview process for USA Visas: The group recommends limiting (or eliminating) the need for interviews, which requires travelers to go to Vladivostok in order to obtain visas.

Funding: The issues raised by the transportation sector participants at this 12th meeting will need support from the RAPP to be carried out. The US and Russian governments are requested to supplement the private-sector funding of RAPP. Without such financial support, the activities and requests for support by RAPP cannot be properly implemented.



Tatyana Konko



Jose Louro



Breakout Meeting Report
US-Russian Economic Cooperation
Russian Moderator:
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Summary of Discussion:

The breakout session opened with a comparison of US investment in the RFE and investment from other countries, and discussion of why US investment is a fraction of that of other countries. It was noted that the same concerns were raised at the 2006 RAPP meeting, and included the acknowledgement that negative Western media stereotypes about Russia have an unwarranted and detrimental effect on investment and development of business opportunities.

Participant comments were consistent with plenary session statements that, despite negative perceptions in the West, companies that are already doing business in Russia are very optimistic about the future.

Presentations by bank representatives demonstrated existing cooperation among US and Russian banks, and opportunities for continuing growth in the banking sector. Other presentations of present and proposed projects underscored the need to recognize the tremendous potential for further development.

New Eurasia Foundation and USAID representatives summarized programs and resources available to promote improvement in the business climate and community development in the RFE.

We discussed information security systems and outstanding issues of compatibility of electronic signatures.

Discussion of business climate identified the need to address issues relating to negative perceptions of doing business in Russia, WTO and repeal of the Jackson-Vanik amendment, unnecessary regulation and documentation, state intervention and restrictions on private investment and ownership, and difficulties with visas and work permits.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend programs and activities to address inaccurate perceptions and provide constructive and balanced information about doing business in Russia and the RFE. These should include business and professional exchanges, and Russia and America days sponsored by consulates in cooperation with their respective cities and regions to provide business and cultural information, and raise awareness of opportunities and benefits of the US-Russian relationship.

2. We recommend that RAPP cooperate with business and trade organizations to inform members of the US Congress of the need to immediately repeal the Jackson-Vanik amendment because it is detrimental to US-Russian business, and will put US businesses at a competitive disadvantage with other countries when Russia accedes to the WTO.

3. Investors are concerned with the cost of doing business due to excessive regulation and documentation. Government authorities are asked to conduct ongoing regulatory review to

identify public policy regulatory objectives, and then reduce or simplify regulation so that the public is protected without creating unnecessary burdens on investment. These issues may be considered in connection with implementing Special Economic Zones. To the extent tax and business regulations are successfully simplified in SEZ's, we ask that such measures be implemented throughout the Russian Federation.

4. Visa and work permit requirements and procedures are of concern to both Russian and US businesses. We recommend legislation to: extend validity of Russian work permits from one year to three to five years; eliminate the requirement that foreign citizens leave the country to obtain a visa and provide visa issuance authority within the Russian Federation; and provide a simplified work permit procedure for highly skilled technical professional and managerial personnel. We ask that the US government also eliminate the requirement that foreign citizens leave the country to obtain a visa, and eliminate or limit the requirement for a physical personal interview to obtain a visa.



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