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### NEFTEGAZ impressively confirms its role as a “key industry event” for the Russian oil and gas industry

#### New Trade Fair Cycle and Dates from 2017

NEFTEGAZ 2016 – International Exhibition for Oil and Gas Industries – became the key meeting point for experts from all over the world on four busy trade fair days.

To the tune of 20.700 trade visitors came to Moscow to learn from 700 exhibitors from 29 nations about the latest developments in equipment and technologies for the oil and gas industries.

Organised by the Energy Ministry of the Russian Federation since 2014 the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Oil & Gas Forum was held as part of the 16<sup>th</sup> NEFTEGAZ for the first time now. The concurrent holding of the exhibition and the forum has proven, and will continue, to generate important synergies, selectively promoting the oil and gas industries. A joint platform for policy makers and industry like this is as important as ever to prompt the required investment, especially considering the currently difficult economic framework in Russia. In future, experts will be able to meet with the entire cross-section of the national industry, all major energy companies and buyers at the exhibition – and as before at the centrally located Moscow fairgrounds Expocentre.

NEFTEGAZ is the only exhibition in the industry organised under the patronage of the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, which has already assured its support one year ahead of the next event – a special token of recognition for the organisers Messe Düsseldorf, OOO Messe Düsseldorf Moskau and ZAO EXPOCENTR. Explaining the importance of this event for Russian industry, Alexander Novak, Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation, said: “The Russian Ministry of Energy regards the NEFTEGAZ international exhibition as a key industry event – a booster for innovation-driven development in this country’s fuel and energy sector. The event is becoming even more prominent now that Russia’s sustainable economic growth largely depends on how the oil and gas industry copes with new



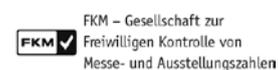
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challenges it faces”. For these reasons the dates of NEFTEGAZ will change from 2017, adapting to the annual event cycle and dates of the Oil and Gas Forum in April. The concurrent holding of the two events and the re-scheduling open up new business opportunities for exhibitors.

Central segments of the exhibition include machinery, equipment, plants as well as the latest technologies for exploiting oil and gas deposits, not forgetting state-of-the-art systems for environmental monitoring. At NEFTEGAZ 2016 the most important national enterprises in the industry such as Gazprom, Gazprom Avtomatizatsiya, Tatneft, Transneft and TMK met with such key international exhibitors as R&B Industrial Supply Company, National Oilwell Varco, Compressor Controls Corporation, Honeywell Process Solutions, Jumo, Kanex-Krohne, China Petroleum Technology & Development Corporation, Sinopec, Schneider Electric and ABB, to name but a few. Exhibitors voiced their satisfaction with the results of the event and unanimously emphasised visitors’ high qualification and their strong interest in innovations. At the Exhibition many new contacts were made and business deals concluded. Andree Fischer of MTU Friedrichshafen GmbH summed up the event positively: “I am very satisfied with the Exhibition. We had arranged many appointments in the run-up to the event, which is why we had sufficient negotiations at the stand. Messe Düsseldorf looked after us very well and we are already now planning to participate in the next exhibition.” Anna Jermakova of Gazprom Elektrogaz also found words of praise: “This year we have an attractive, spacious stand in the hall, which was a clear magnet attracting visitors’ attention. Worth a special mention is the great organisation of NEFTEGAZ 2016 as well as the large number of industry experts present who visited our stand.”



The technical exhibition also involved a German participation again this year. The “German Pavilion” organised by Messe Düsseldorf featured 39 companies on space totalling over 580 square metres. “A good result, considering there was no official participation organised by the German Ministry of Economy and Energy on account of the economic sanctions,” says Peter Schmitz, Head of International Trade Fair Business/Official Participations at Messe Düsseldorf GmbH. Alongside Germany, China also took part with a national pavilion. China also accounted for the largest group

of international exhibitors. Meeting with equally avid interest among industry experts was the high-calibre line-up of side events including seminars, panel discussions, a Russian-Chinese summit as well as the concurrently held Oil & Gas Forum for Technologies for Oil and Gas Production.

**Dates of NEFTEGAZ 2017: 17 – 20 April 2017**

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