



## **Transneft noted the importance of the SPIMEX online exported crude auction and confirmed the possibility to ship commodities**

Transneft PJSC in its official letter to SPIMEX informed that it welcomes the use of the online auction mechanism for the sale of exported crude implemented on the SPIMEX online auction platform.

The document noted that this procedure is an important step in implementation of a comprehensive program for setting a national price benchmark for Urals.

The midstream company confirmed the possibility of providing shipping positions in the crude oil loading terminal in the Baltic port of Primorsk for loading one cargo per month over 4Q 2020. Shipping positions will be included in the lifting schedule under the respective Agreement for oil transportation services based on orders submitted by oil companies.

The letter stated that in order to receive early confirmation of shipping dates in Primorsk the Organizational Chart for Confirmation of Shipping Dates for Cargoes to be Delivered from Primorsk under Physically-Settled Crude Futures Contracts agreed between Transneft and SPIMEX should be used.

SPIMEX, in return, expresses its gratitude to Transneft PJSC for fruitful cooperation in improving the pricing system for Russian exported crude oil. The midstream company takes active part in the development of exchange trading in the hydrocarbons markets offering SPIMEX its full support.

As previously reported by SPIMEX and Zarubezhneft, online auction for the sale of crude oil for export was held using the SPIMEX online auction platform for the first time in Russia, the traded volume amounted to 300,000 tonnes of Urals oil.

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