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LUKOIL PRESIDENT VISITS KOMI REPUBLIC

President of LUKOIL Vagit Alekperov and Head of the Republic of Komi Sergey Gaplikov discussed issues of current cooperation and results of an emergency fire response at cluster site No.2R of A.Alabushin field, at a joint meeting in Syktyvkar today. The meeting focused on actions taken by special emergency units and LUKOIL-Komi's bodies. Also appraised were the safety measures taken to protect neighboring settlements and the environment.

"Every effort was taken to ensure the health and safety of both the local communities and the emergency response teams. This was the principal objective of the operation", Mr. Gaplikov noted.

"Obviously, some breaches by the contractors, who allowed the fire to occur, entailed serious consequences. But jointly with the rescue teams, the firefighters of the Ministry of Emergency Situations and the emergency response units of LUKOIL-Komi we managed to extinguish the fire as quickly as was possible. I express my gratitude to all those who took part in the operation", Mr. Alekperov said.

Vagit Alekperov also emphasized that it was the company's voluntary commitment to provide a free-of-charge comprehensive health checkup of the locals and also organize summer vacations for the children of the neighboring villages of Schelyabozh and Kushshor.

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