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LUKOIL TO CONTINUE COOPERATION WITH ASTRAKHAN REGION

President of LUKOIL Vagit Alekperov and Head of the Astrakhan Region Sergey Morozov signed an Agreement on Cooperation between the company and the region, in Astrakhan today.

According to the agreement, LUKOIL will continue to facilitate social development, to support cultural institutions and sports, and to provide grants on worthwhile projects. The company will also keep up tangible contributions to environmental protection, including the reproduction of biological resources.

With support from LUKOIL, the following results have been delivered in construction. In the city of Astrakhan: a triumphal arc, a center of excursions and exhibitions, a *Petrovsky* park, a monument to frontier guards and a *Wishing Flower* kindergarten. In the town of Ilyinka, Ikryaninsky District, a sports facility has been erected. In the town of Kharabali, a children's center, *Crimson Sails,* opened, and in the settlement of Liman, a Church of the Kazan Mother of God, with a culture center.

This year, the Astrakhan region hosted LUKOIL's 15th Contest of Social and Cultural Projects. Thirty-eight applicants had the winning bids and received grants to execute projects pursuing environmental protection, development of sports, culture and implementation of youth initiatives.

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