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The Heads of Rostec and Rosneft paid a business visit to Iraq

Press-release

The visit of Russian delegation headed by Rosneft President Igor Sechin and Rostec State Corporation Director General Sergey Chemezov to Iraq took place on April, 16. Collaboration status quo and opportunities of joint projects realisation in power and automotive industries and military-technical cooperation were discussed within the negotiations with Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and the country's National Security Advisor and Oil and Energy Ministers.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and the Head of Rosneft Igor Sechin gave consideration to long-term plans on implementation of bilateral projects concerning equipment procurement and after-sale maintenance, performing technical audit of the operating facilities by Rosneft and supporting geologic exploration and new oil-fields developing.

"Iraq has a high potential in oil production, which, however, might be performed only in the conditions of stability. We strongly believe that joint bilateral projects will effectively develop economy and thus considerably facilitate normalisation of the country's political environment", said Mr Sechin.

In military-technical cooperation area there are contracts chiefly on Russian rotorcraft equipment procurement at a total price of \$4.2 million currently being implemented. There also are other prospects in this field, which are now being considered by the parties at the experts' level.

"Russia has a rich experience in cooperating with the countries of Middle East and Iraq is one of our new large customers. We are interested in our defence equipment implemented solely for protection of the country's citizens and Iraq's sovereignty enforcement", Mr Chemezov said.

Besides, the localisation of service maintenance of the equipment supplied is planned within the bilateral military-technical cooperation. This is another step towards the implementation of Rostec State Corporation's strategy on global after-sale service development.

The Iraq party also expressed interest in Russian civil automotive industry goods, especially in the KAMAZ production line.

Another direction of the negotiations between Russian delegation and Iraq government was cooperation in power industry development. The parties discussed the possibility of resuming the project on the second phase of Yusufiyah thermal power plant construction. The phase involves the construction of 6 power generating units with the capacity of 210 MW each. The project operator is Rostec's subsidiary Technopromexport, which upgraded Hartha power plant and first phase of Yusufiyah at over \$550 million.

Rostekhnologii State Corporation (Rostec) was established in 2007 in order to facilitate the development, manufacturing and export of high-technology industrial products. Today it comprises over 663 companies, which form 8 military-industrial and 5 civil industry holdings. Rostec's subsidiaries are located in 60 regions of Russia and cater for over 70 countries.