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## LUKOIL DONATES THE ARCTIC COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS TO THE RUSSIAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Today in St. Petersburg, President of PJSC "LUKOIL" Vagit Alekperov donated to the Russian Geographical Society a collection of 28 paintings dedicated to the history of Arctic exploration. These canvases, portraying world famous Russian polar explorers, seafarers, pilots and sponsors of scientific expeditions, whose names and contributions are perpetuated in the glorious past of the exploration of the Russian North. The works were created by St. Petersburg artists – members of the Russian Artists Union – between 1998 and 2016.

Scientists, researches of the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute, legendary trailblazers of the Northern Sea Route, famous members of air expeditions to the Russian North, explorers and outstanding administrators who stood at the origins of the Russian Geographical Society are among those, depicted on the canvases in the donated collection.

The handover ceremony was held during the Meeting of The Board of Trustees of the Russian Geographical Society, chaired by the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin.

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