

Gazprom Neft and Aeroflot join forces to develop low carbon aviation fuel

Companies entered an agreement to produce Russia's first ever minimum-carbon-footprint sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), to be adapted for use on various aircrafts.

Gazprom Neft has entered into an agreement with Aeroflot on cooperating in producing Russia's first ever minimum-carbon-footprint sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), under a document signed by Gazprom Neft CEO Alexander Dyukov and Aeroflot CEO Mikhail Poluboyarinov at this year's Eastern Economic Forum.

The new aviation fuel will be adapted for use on various types of aircraft, and will be certified under Russian and international aviation safety standards. The key research facility for this will be Gazprom Neft's Industrial Innovation Technology Centre in St Petersburg.

A working group on developing Russian SAF is also expected to include Russian and international aircraft manufacturers, says Gazprom Neft.

Many international air carriers are starting to use SAF on a test basis, and plan to increase their proportional usage of this fuel over the next 10 to 20 years, according to Aeroflot CEO Mikhail Poluboyarinov.

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