

Rosatomflot's Tug Boat 'The PUR' Hoists National Flag

16 May 2016, Murmansk. Rosatomflot's tug boat '*The PUR*', which will be providing services to the Yamal LNG Project, has hoisted the national flag. The multipurpose tug '*The PUR*' has been built at the Kranship yard near Krasnodar as part of the Port Fleet Project (provision of port fleet services in Sabetta by Rosatomflot to Yamal LNG). This is an Arc 4, 3.86 MW tug with an open water speed of 14.4 knots. Its maximum draft is 4.93 meters, LOA – 30.87 meters and beam – 11.2 meters. This ship, which carries a crew of 10, has been named after a river in the Yamal Nenets Autonomous Region.

"This tug opens up a new chapter in the history of Rosatomflot" – says Vyacheslav Ruksha, General Director of Atomflot, - "Our vessels will be providing a full scope of port fleet services in Sabetta. Together with the nuclear icebreakers, they will be escorting LNG carriers of 170 thousand cubic meters each. Once the liquefaction facility is put into operation, Rosatomflot will be assisting the LNG tankers entering the port every 39 hours. I have no doubt that *The PUR*'s crew will be up to the challenge".

"Very soon *The PUR* will begin its operation in Sabetta where it will be assisting at berthing and unberthing of cargo vessels" – says Yamal LNG General Director Evgeniy Kot, - "The total of five vessels - an icebreaker tug, a port ice breaker, and three ice class tugboats – are to be built at several Russian shipyards for Rosatomflot that will be supporting us under a contract for port fleet services from 2014 through to 2040".

At 8:00 pm on 14 May, *The PUR* left its home port of Murmansk bound for Sabetta.

Note

Yamal LNG

Yamal LNG is involved in construction of a 16.5 mmtpa natural gas liquefaction plant on the base of the hydrocarbon resources of the South-Tambeyskoye field. First LNG production is scheduled for 2017. Yamal LNG shareholders are: NOVATEK (50.1%), CNPC (20%), Total (20%), and Silk Road Fund (9.9%).

Atomflot

Atomflot is a federal state unitary enterprise within the Rosatom State Corporation established to ensure operation and maintenance of nuclear-powered icebreakers and support fleet vessels. The key functions of Atomflot are icebreaker support to vessels navigating via the Northern Sea Route and entering ice-covered ports in Russia, as well as shipping, support to expeditions and scientific research parties, emergency response and rescue operations in freezing seas in the Arctic and beyond.