

## **New supply vessel for SCF Group named *Gennadiy Nevelskoy* at Arctech Helsinki Shipyard**

**On 30 January 2017, the naming ceremony took place for a new ice-breaking platform supply vessel (IBSV) commissioned by SCF Group. She was named after Gennadiy Nevelskoy, a famous explorer of the Russian Far East. The new IBSV has been built according to the latests international standards of the global shipbuilding industry, and to the highest specifications set for vessels that operate in harsh environments.**

*Gennadiy Nevelskoy* (deadweight 3,000 tonnes) will have Saint Petersburg as her home port and will be registered under the Russian flag. She is the first of four vessels commissioned by SCF Group. The other three are ice-breaking standby vessels (IBSBVs) that have a smaller deadweight (2,000 tonnes), but offer enhanced functionality and a higher accommodation capacity. All the four vessels are being built at Arctech Helsinki Shipyard. Arctech has overall responsibility of the design, hull assembly, outfitting, testing and commissioning of the ships. Building of the vessels brings approximately 3500 man-years of work to Helsinki Shipyard.

The vessels will be used for the year-round delivery of supplies and consumables to offshore platforms, and for performing standby duty near them. The vessels will also be outfitted for integrated environmental protection and rescue operations.

The Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, which is providing technical supervision during the construction of all the four vessels, has assigned the ice class of Icebreaker 6 to the new IBSV.

The vessel naming ceremony was attended by **Sergey Frank**, President and CEO of PAO Sovcomflot, and **Alexey Rakhmanov**, President of United Shipbuilding Corporation. Also present at the ceremony was **Vladimir Evenko**, Chief Engineer and Director of Classification Department of the Russian Marine Register of Shipping.

The vessel was sponsored by **Ekaterina Sokolova**, PhD, Research Professor at the Centre for Maritime International Studies of the Admiral Nevelskoy State Maritime University in Vladivostok.

**Esko Mustamäki**, CEO of Arctech Helsinki Shipyard said:

“This vessel which was named today is the first one of totally four vessels under construction for Sovcomflot. This vessel is technically a forerunner in arctic shipbuilding. It is also environmentally advanced and fulfills already the IMO Tier III requirements. We have also paid special attention to the underwater noise level caused by the ship.”

**Alexey Rakhmanov, President of USC, said:**

“We have long-lasting ties with Finland’s shipbuilders. Russian specialists collaborated with their Finnish counterparts in the construction of ice-class tankers and special vessels for the development of the Arctic Basin. We are learning icebreaking technologies from our partners, but at the same time we contribute our own competences.

The *Gennadiy Nevelskoy* shall continue our cooperation and carry on the glorious traditions of the Russian-Finnish shipbuilding industry. I am convinced that Sovcomflot will do justice to the performance characteristics of the vessel.”

**Sergey Frank** said:

“Adding *Gennadiy Nevelskoy* to our fleet enables us to strengthen Sovcomflot’s position as a global leader in the ice-breaking supply vessel class. The rich historical experience of Russian-Finnish cooperation, in building vessels for Arctic and Sub-Arctic seas, constitutes a good basis for contemporary

cooperation projects in this field. It is symbolic that the ship on which *Gennadiy Nevelskoy* carried out the Amur expedition, *Baikal*, was constructed in 1848 in Helsinki.”

**Alexander Kukel-Kraevsky**, great-great-grandson of Admiral Nevelskoy, sent a message of greeting, which was read at the ceremony. “The name that gives birth to this icebreaking vessel is symbolic. Indeed just one hundred and fifty years ago, having abandoned a quiet, satisfied and high achieving career, Captain-Lieutenant Nevelskoy with his team made significant achievements within wild and inhuman conditions, following great hardship and sometimes at the cost of life, by having explored and, in essence, having created the conditions for integrating most of the Far East into Russia. One can say he gave birth to this region,” the message noted.

**Arctech Helsinki Shipyard Inc.** specialises in Arctic shipbuilding technology, building icebreakers and special offshore vessels for Arctic conditions. The Helsinki Shipyard is a pioneer in its industry with more than 150 years of experience in shipbuilding. The company employs approximately 600 shipbuilders. [www.arctech.fi](http://www.arctech.fi)

**United Shipbuilding Corporation (USC)** was founded in 2007 to unite and operate the shipbuilding industry in Russia. The Corporation is the largest shipbuilding company in Russia employing over 80,000 people. It includes about 40 domestic shipyards, design offices and ship repair yards. Arctech Helsinki Shipyard is the only subsidiary outside of the Russian Federation. [www.oaoosk.ru](http://www.oaoosk.ru)

**PAO Sovcomflot (SCF Group)** is one of the world's leading shipping companies, specialising in the transportation of crude oil, petroleum products, and liquefied gas, as well as servicing offshore upstream oil and gas installations and equipment. The Group's fleet comprises 145 vessels with a total deadweight of over 13 million tonnes. The company is registered in St. Petersburg with offices in Moscow, Novorossiysk, Murmansk, Vladivostok, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, London, Limassol, and Dubai.

The Group offers a wide range of vessels in the market segments most demanded by major Russian oil and gas companies. With its own technical development and unique approach to advanced technologies, Sovcomflot can meet the most demanding customer requirements, providing effective transportation for oil & gas companies. [www.scf-group.ru](http://www.scf-group.ru)

**Gennadiy Nevelskoy (1813—1876)** was an explorer of the Russian Far East, admiral, and full member of the Russian Geographical Society. In 1849 -1855, he organized and led the Amur expedition, during which his team explored the estuary of the Amur River and proved that Sakhalin was an island separated from the mainland by a strait. In 1850, Nevelskoy founded Nikolayevsk-on-Amur. After the expedition, he explored banks of the Amur River, the Amur Liman, and the Tatar Strait, the continental parts of Amur region, Ussuri region, and Sakhalin Island. His later years were devoted to naval science and classification of the material gathered during his expeditions. Nevelskoy also wrote the book “Heroic Deeds of Russian Naval Officers in Russia's Extreme East, 1849-1855”.

#### **Press images of the naming ceremony:**

<http://arctech.fi/news-and-media/press-images>

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