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LUKOIL PRESIDENT HAS TALKS IN BAGHDAD

LUKOIL President Vagit Alekperov took part in a meeting between the Iraqi Prime Minister, Haider al-Abadi, and Mikhail Bogdanov, the Russian President's Special Representative for the Middle East and Africa, Russia's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. The latter conveyed the RF President's invitation to the Iraqi leader to pay an official visit to Moscow.

The letter of invitation says, specifically, "I would like to express my gratitude for your personal concern about the activities of the Russian oil business. I am convinced that the profound experience of our oilmen and the cutting-edge technologies they use will further contribute to the development of your country's energy potential".

The meeting focused on issues related to the activities of Russian companies operating in Iraq and on the implementation of the West Qurna-2 field-development project – as well issues related to various new initiatives. Messrs. Bogdanov and Alekperov also assured the Iraqi prime minister that the Russian business was interested in still better cooperation with Iraq and in broader investments in the country's economy.