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- hydrocarbon reserves replacement at least at the level of 100% of current production;
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- developing technologies for making unconventional hydrocarbon reserves development economic.

Refining:

- improvement of crude oil conversion level:
- implementation of new technologies to refine heavy cuts, as well as new petrochemical technologies.

To achieve these goals, Rosneft is carrying out the Innovative Development Program, compliant with the regulatory and planning documents of the national, regional and corporate levels.

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ROSNEFT R&D CENTER IS ONE OF THE KEY RESIDENTS IN THE SKOLKOVO INNOVATIONS CENTER WITH ANNUAL FUNDING OF RUB 350 MLN The uniqueness of the facility comes from using an associated petroleum treatment technology (3S-separation) based on a low-temperature ultrasonic gas separator that uses state-of-the-art aerodynamic technology.

A patent was issued for a utility model, "A Device for Casing Repair or Selective Reservoir Isolation". The technology will enable reactivation of over 400 idle wells with the total post-reactivation flow rate of over 2,000 t/day.

The first stage of pilot testing of equipment for dual production and injection was done by OJSC Udmurtneft and OJSC Samarateftegaz, candidate wells were selected for each BHA, and test equipment was run in 3 wells, which achieved a steady-state flow. Four patents for 3 dual production assemblies and 1 dual injection assembly were issued. The Company can potentially implement these technologies in 50 wells per annum with incremental oil production of ca. 250 ktpa.

In 2013 new algorithms and software were developed in 15 subsidiaries and 8 corporate R&D and Design Institutes, making it possible to address unique flow modeling and reservoir management issues, including:

- ensuring monitoring and real-time adjustment of horizontal well drilling trajectories based on logging while drilling data;
- application in tight reservoir development (Priobskoye and Prirazlomnoye fields) whose recoverable reserves, are 150 mm t.;
- ensuring optimum well pad designing and field development planning based on the reservoir long-term proxy model.

Jointly with the Catalysis Institute, Siberian Branch of the Russia Academy of Sciences, a technology for pilot fluidized-bed reforming catalyst production was developed. Commercialization of the technology will provide for a 1–2% increase in the reformate yield (high-octane component of motor and jet fuels) vs. known foreign analogues.

As part of looking into alternative energy, the Company, jointly with the Biochemical Physics Institute, Russia Academy of Sciences, and the Moscow state University, is conducting fundamental and technology-focused research developing and improving 3-rd generation thin-film solar cells based on metal-oxide solar cells (MO SC). Applications for 2 invention patents have been filed, "Bilateral Solar Photo Converter" and "Solar Photo Converter". A test facility was designed and installed on the roof of the Biochemical Physics Institute building, which consists of 5 different types of solar panels.

The ultimate project goal is development of a technology for manufacturing a new type of solar cells and solar panels which could be 2–3 times less expensive than existing analogues

ROSNEFT CONSOLIDATED R&D CENTER - ADVANCED OIL REFINING AND PETROCHEMICAL TECHNOLOGIES

The Company's Innovations Block organization includes the Consolidated Research and Development Center (RN-R&D Center, LLC). The Center has Gas-to-liquids (GTL) technologies and is now completing mini-GTL technology development. It can also offer unique technologies for catalyst production fit for this process.

The corporate RN-R&D Center has developed cutting-edge oil refining and petrochemical technologies:

- a technology for producing a broad variety of synthetic base oils with the 130–170 viscosity index and -50 °C...-60 °C pour point for different applications. This innovative technology can reduce feed and power costs by 10–15 %.
- a new technology, unrivaled in the Russian Federation, has been developed enabling the creation of own feed base to manufacture high-value polymer materials which could replace imported materials.
- new polymer composite materials (glassand carbon-fiber) have been developed, which on a number of parameters are superior to the best known commercial examples. In addition, their cost is significantly lower due to availability and low price of the feed material, dicyclopentadiene, a product currently not by petrochemical plants.

Knowledge rollout

Setting up a system of continuous summarization and rollout of knowledge and best practices is the vital element of Rosneft Innovative Development Program.

In 2013, our activity in this area included the following:

- quarterly production of our corporate Nauchno-tehnichesky vestnik
 OAO NK Rosneft ("Rosneft Science Monitor");
- regular publication of articles authored by Company specialists, in leading Russian academic and technical editions;
- participation of Rosneft specialists in national and international conferences.

Our Company is implementing a Knowledge Management System (KMS, the iKnow information system). KMS is a necessary condition for the implementation of innovations and new technologies, enhancement of professional competences, allowing Company employees to share best practices, successful projects, lessons learnt, technical expertise, and laying grounds for professional enhancement and career growth via participation in Professional Communities.

Based on 2013 results, the Knowledge Management System is:

- 14 professional communities (67 experts, over 370 participants);
- 700+ documents uploaded to the iKnow Library;
- about 180 proposals and projects with lessons learnt;
- 1000+ unique users;
- 2000+ search queries.

