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Vnesheconombank and KfW Bankengruppe entered into a Credit Agreement under the Program of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

Stockholm, Sweden, 12 December, 2012 - The signing ceremony of the agreement between the German KfW Bankengruppe and the Russian Vnesheconombank (VEB) took place at 18:00 at the CBSS premises, Slussplan 9.

The Credit Agreement on extending local currency counter value of 65 million US dollars by KfW to Vnesheconombank is aimed to support an essential modernization of the urban solid waste system in the City of St. Petersburg. In the framework of this public-private partnership project modern waste sorting and recycling facilities will be installed, thus increasing waste treatment efficiency and overall waste treatment quality. The investment payoff will result in a significant decrease of climate and environmental stress, which will lead to sustainably improved living conditions for the population of St. Petersburg.

This agreement is rolled out in the framework of the Pilot Financing Initiative (PFI) under the umbrella of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and is already the second to be signed between KfW and VEB. PFI is a first step in establishing a broader financial platform, which is intended to attract financial partners and financial resources for projects in the geographic area of the CBSS. The corresponding Memorandum was signed during the 9th Baltic Sea States Heads of Government Summit in Stralsund, May 2012.

A month earlier the banks signed their first Credit Agreement on extending 110 million US dollars by KfW to Vnesheconombank to support and promote small and medium-sized enterprises in the field of innovations and modernization in the North West of Russia.

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