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**MMC NORILSK NICKEL**

**SERGEI GRYZNYKH**

Sergei Gryznykh has been appointed Deputy General Director, Head of Treasury of MMC Norilsk Nickel. In this position he will supervise the exchequer operations of MMC Norilsk Nickel.

Sergei P. Gryznykh was born in 1962 in Moscow. He graduated from the Moscow Financial Institute (Faculty of international economic relations). He holds a Ph.D. in Economics.

Gryznykh worked in banking, specializing in exchequer operations, finance, audit, and risk management. From 1997 till 2003 he held the positions of Senior Vice-President of Mezkhombank, of Russian Standard Bank, and Vice-Chairman of Autobank.



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**ROSGOSSTRAKH-ACCORD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED**

**YURY SHPIZEL**

Yury Shpizel has been appointed CEO of the Rosgosstrakh-Accord Partnership Limited in the Republic of Bashkortostan.

His appointment as CEO has followed the merger of the head offices of the companies Rosgosstrakh-Bashkortostan and Accord.

Shpizel was introduced to the company's employees at the annual meeting of the united company's affiliates' directors by the Rosgosstrakh HR Department head, Ilyas Aliyev.

Shpizel was born on Aug. 31, 1962. In 1985 he graduated from the State Teachers' Institute of Bashkortostan.

He has been in the insurance business since 1998. From 2000, Shpizel worked as the CEO of the insurance company Sotsinvest which is one of Bashkortostan's top three popular and reliable insurance companies. After the incorporation of Sotsinvest into the Accord Insurance Group, he was appointed first deputy CEO of Accord.



... CORPORATE NEWS ...

**SHEREMETYEVO CASE TOSSED**

The Moscow City Court has rejected a claim by the administration of Moscow's major international airport Sheremetyevo that disputed a lower court decision to restore Sergei Belyayev as the airport's general director, a representative of Belyayev said.

On Jan. 9, a first instance court ruled that the airport's board of directors' decision to dismiss Belyayev was illegal and that he should be restored.

Sheremetyevo acting director Yevgeny Bakhteyev reinstated Belyayev as the airport's general director on Jan. 10, 2003.

However, the board of directors dismissed Belyayev again the same day. That move is expected to be cancelled by the court since it came before the court ruling took effect, the representative said. Sheremetyevo's administration declined comment.

**AEROFLOT UP FOR LOAN**

Russia's major state bank Vneshtorgbank (VTB) may provide a loan to Russia's largest airline, state-owned Aeroflot, if the airline places at least some of its accounts with the bank, VTB President Andrei Kostin said.

An aviation industry source said earlier VTB was to lend \$150 million to Aeroflot. Kostin said the bank is also working with fourth-largest airline Krasnoyarsk Airlines (KrasAir), to which it lent \$23 million, and second-largest carrier Sibir.

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**MICROSOFT IN RUSSIA AND THE C.I.S.**

**LYUDMILA FATEYEVA**

Lyudmila Fateyeva has been appointed Marketing Director of the Microsoft representation in Russia and CIS.

Prior to the appointment, from 1990 to present time, she worked for Hewlett-Packard's division in Russia, sequentially occupying the positions of Sales representative, District Sales Manager, Partner Sales Manager, Strategic Alliance Manager and Country Marketing Manager, Russia.

In 1978, Fateyeva graduated from the Moscow Institute of Electronic Engineering. In 1997, she took an MBA course specializing in international business management at the Russian Academy of National Economy.

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**AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MOSCOW**

**ALEXANDER KRAVTSOV**

The American Chamber of Commerce in Russia has appointed Alexander Kravtsov as its communications director. Mr. Kravtsov will be responsible for all of the Chamber's external communications activities. Prior to joining the Chamber, he held senior management positions at public relations and marketing firms including The PBN Company, Point/Passat and Mikhailov & Partners.

Mr. Kravtsov is a graduate of Moscow State University, and holds a master's degree with honors in international relations from Georgetown University (Washington, DC).

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