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"Rosneft" as a global actor

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ROSNEFT as a global actor:

In my paper I'll analyze the factors that gives us opportunity to view Russian petroleum company Rosneft as a global actor, both economic and political

I. Internal political influence:

- Igor Sechin, company's President and Chairman of the Board, "Politbureau 2.0" full membership [7,8] which gives him large, but non-formalized influence;

- TNK-BP story [5] that made Rosneft a largest oil-gas company in the world;

- struggle for "Eni" and "Enel" shares of "SeverEnergia" between Rosneft and Novatec[3];

-Rosneftegaz (main Rosneft' actioner) tough position about transferring its dividends to federal budget [6]";

- company is trying to get more tax privileges on severance tax– and to raise taxes for Gazprom in order to compensate own privileges [17,18];

- Rosneft is looking forward to become biggest Russian tax-payer [11]– that's mark the fundamental importance of the company to the national economy publicly;

- in the same time due to different tax privileges company has cut its payings to regional budgets and to federal budget [12];

-the biggest lobbying campaign that Rosneft (together with Novatec) has won (against Gazprom in particular) was the law of liberalization of LNG exports in Russia – since December,1, 2013, Gazprom does not have monopoly on exporting LNG [9].

II. External political influence

This part of the paper will be about its huge role in internal political process in Venezuela. Igor Sechin was a close friend of Hugo Chavez and gave him a great economic support due to lobbying huge Russian petroleum companies investments to Hunin-6 oil field [1] . After Chavez's death he played for the Maduro's election [4].

III. Own corporate interests.

Rosneft is the leader of Russia's petroleum industry, and ranks among the world's top publicly traded oil and gas companies [19] - and Igor Sechin still has a lot of energy for further Rosneft's expansion [2]. Company's strategy goal, its long-term ambitions due to Igor Sechin, it's rather codified – there's his program speech at the World Energetic Forum (October, 2013 [10]) Strategic goal is to stay as the largest producer of hydrocarbons among the world's public companies and the largest holder of hydrocarbon reserves [13]. Strategic long-term aims for this goal (as elements of success) are:

- technological development;

- development of Vancor field;

- projects on the Russian offshore; operations in the Russian Arctic and Sakhalin shelf in particular;

- LNG (liquefied natural gas) export to the Asian-Pacific region;
- development of non-conventional oil fields in Russia.

IV. Strategic influence to the global energy markets :

Here I'm going to analyze planning expansion of the company to the Chinese energy market which seems to be driver of the global energy demand in the coming decades. [14,15,16]

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