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**Gazprom Neft' Selects Paradigm™ Software for Regional E&P Projects**

*Multilicense agreement marks first commercial implementation of  
Paradigm SKUA in CIS region*

**(MOSCOW: January 28, 2009)** Paradigm™ ([www.pdgm.com](http://www.pdgm.com)), a leading provider of enterprise software solutions to the global oil and natural gas exploration and production (E&P) industry, announced today that JSC Gazprom Neft', one of Russia's largest integrated oil companies, has selected Paradigm software for use in E&P projects in the CIS region. Gazprom Neft' selected multiple Paradigm seismic interpretation and reservoir characterization software solutions after a competitive evaluation period.

The multilicense agreement encompasses the purchase of Paradigm software, training and consulting services. Among the solutions acquired is Paradigm SKUA 2008, making Gazprom Neft' the first commercial user of the next-generation modeling environment in the CIS region. Gazprom Neft' also licensed Paradigm SeisEarth, Paradigm Geolog, Paradigm Stratimagic and Paradigm GOCAD solutions, for seismic visualization and interpretation, reservoir characterization and formation evaluation workflows. The software will be installed in Gazprom Neft's new St. Petersburg Reservoir Centre for Science and Engineering.

"Paradigm offers innovative solutions that will directly impact the success of our regional E&P operations, helping to further the growth of oil and gas exploitation in the region," said Viktor Savelyev, Gazprom Neft' Research Center CEO. "Energy demand in the region and abroad is growing, and advanced subsurface modeling technology, such as Paradigm SKUA, will allow us to meet those demands more efficiently and effectively."

"Russia holds the world's largest natural gas reserves, and is the world's second largest oil producer, so we are pleased that Gazprom Neft' has chosen Paradigm to help realize its E&P goals in the region," said John W. Gibson, Jr., Paradigm President & Chief Executive Officer. "We look forward to an ongoing relationship with Gazprom Neft'."

For more information on Paradigm products and services, contact your regional office directly (find information at [www.pdgm.com](http://www.pdgm.com)), or e-mail [info@pdgm.com](mailto:info@pdgm.com).

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**About JSC Gazprom Neft'**

Today, JSC Gazprom Neft' is one of the largest oil and gas producing companies in Russia. The main areas of Gazprom Neft's business activity include oil and natural gas production, oil and gas field facility services, oil refining and marketing of petroleum products.

Gazprom Neft' carries out its activities in Russia's largest oil- and gas-bearing regions such as Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous District, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District, Tomsk and Omsk Regions, and Chukotka Autonomous District. The Company's major oil refineries are located in the Omsk, Moscow and Yaroslavl Regions. The Gazprom Neft' distribution network operates countrywide.

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