

Appendix 1: Corporate history of Rosneft

- 1991 The Ministry of the Oil and Gas Industry of the USSR was abolished, and Rosneftegaz was formed based on it (Ppnf.ru 2011).
- 1993 Alexander Putilov, the former Head of Uraineftegaz, was appointed President of Rosneft (Lenta.ru 2012; Osipov 2013).
- 1993 The state enterprise Rosneft was founded, based on assets previously held by Rosneftegaz and Rosnefteprodukt (Osipov 2013; Rosneft 2017).
- 1993–94 Rosneft lost valuable assets to the newly established SIDANCO, Eastern Oil Company and ONACO.
- 1994 Purneftegaz, the key subsidiary of Rosneft, was transferred to SIDANCO.
- 1995 Rosneft lost valuable assets to the newly established TNK and Sibneft.
- 1995 Open joint stock company (OJSC) Rosneft was established in accordance with Russian Government Decree 971 (Rosneft 2017).
- 1995 Purneftegaz was transferred back to Rosneft.
- 1996 The production-sharing agreement (PSA) for the Sakhalin-1 project came into effect. Its shareholders included Exxon as project operator (30%) and SODECO (30%), with the remaining 40% being divided between Sakhalinmorneftegaz-Shelf (a subsidiary of SMNG) and Rosneft.
- 1996 SIDANCO filed a lawsuit demanding the return of Purneftegaz.
- 1997 The court recognized the validity of SIDANCO's claim concerning Purneftegaz, but Vladimir Potanin decided to return it to Rosneft.
- 1997 Yuri Besspalov, the former Minister of Industry (1996–97), was appointed President of Rosneft (Lenta.ru 2012).
- 1997 The government developed the first plans to privatize Rosneft.
- 1998 The government decided to sell 75% +1 share of Rosneft. The auction was first scheduled for May, but it was then postponed until autumn.
- 1998 The financial crisis hit; the privatization auction was postponed indefinitely.
- 1998 Sergei Bogdanchikov, the former General Director of Rosneft's subsidiary Sakhalinmorneftegaz, was appointed President of Rosneft (Lenta.ru 2012; Osipov 2013).
- 1999 A cost-cutting programme was launched (Sputniknews 2005).
- 2000 For the first time after the financial crisis, Rosneft reported a profit (Lenta.ru 2012).
- 2000 Rosneft started rebuilding Chechnya's oil industry (Lenta.ru 2012).
- 2000 Rosneft received permission from the Russian Anti-Monopoly Ministry to increase its stake in subsidiaries to 75%.

- 2001 An agreement was signed with Gazprom on joint Arctic offshore development, and the Sevmorneftegaz joint venture was established on a 50:50 basis (Sputniknews 2005).
- 2001 Rosneft became the first Russian oil company after the 1998 crisis to issue Eurobonds to European and American investors (Sputniknews 2005).
- 2001 Rosneft and Stroytransgaz were declared the winners of the first international tender for exploration of hydrocarbons in Algeria.
- 2001 Rosneft sold half of its share in Sakhalin-1 to the Indian Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).
- 2001 Rosneft and Sinopec began working on a 50:50 basis on the Adaisk zone in Kazakhstan.
- 2002 Rosneft obtained a licence to develop the Kaygansko-Vasyukansky block as part of the Sakhalin-5 project (Rosneft 2017).
- 2003 Rosneft bought Severnaya Neft (Lenta.ru 2012).
- 2003 Rosneft took under its control the Vankor field in Eastern Siberia.
- 2003 Rosneft bought Selkupneftegaz and Pur Oil Company (Novatek 2005).
- 2003 Rosneft bought a 50% stake in the Polar Lights joint venture with ConocoPhillips.
- 2003 Rosneft received a licence to develop the Veninsky block, part of the Sakhalin-3 project (Rosneft 2017).
- 2003 Rosneft received an exploration licence for the West Kamchatka shelf.
- 2003 In February, at a meeting between President Vladimir Putin and representatives of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the Head of YUKOS, Mikhail Khodorkovskiy, confronted the Head of Rosneft, Sergei Bogdanchikov (Lenta.ru 2012).
- 2003 First, Platon Lebedev and then Mikhail Khodorkovskiy were arrested, and the YUKOS case began.
- 2004 Vladimir Putin's close ally Igor Sechin was appointed chairman of the board of directors of Rosneft (Osipov 2013; Rosneft 2017).
- 2004 Rosneft signed a MoU with KNOC concerning the joint development of the West Kamchatka shelf (Rigzone 2004).
- 2004 In September, Vladimir Putin approved a government proposal to fully incorporate Rosneft into Gazprom in exchange for 10.74% in the gas monopoly that was held by its subsidiaries.
- 2004 The government froze the shares of YUKOS subsidiary Yuganskneftegaz, claiming that shares would soon be sold to cover tax debts (Lenta.ru 2012).
- 2004 In December, the Yuganskneftegaz auction was held; the company was bought by Baikal Finance Group.
- 2004 Rosneft acquired Baikal Finance Group (NGRF 2005; Osipov 2013).
- 2005 Chinese banks lent Rosneft USD 6 billion to be repaid in the form of oil exports to China.
- 2005 Oil production started in the Sakhalin-1 project (Sputniknews 2005).
- 2005 Rosneft signed an agreement with the Chinese company Sinopec to conduct geological exploration and prospecting within Veninsky block of Sakhalin-3 (China Daily 2007).
- 2005 The Gazprom-Rosneft merger was disbanded (Wikipedia 2018).

- 2005 Rosneft bought 25.9% of Verkhnechonskneftegaz from Interros, becoming a partner with TNK-BP (Reuters 2007).
- 2005 Rosneft sold its stake in Sevmorneftegaz to Gazprom.
- 2005 A PSA and an agreement on joint activities were signed in Astana for the Kurmangazy block to be developed by Rosneft and Kazmunaigaz in Kazakhstan.
- 2006 Rosneft nominated independent members to its board of directors.
- 2006 Rosneft made an initial public offering (IPO) on the London Stock Exchange and the Russian Trading System (RTS), selling 14.8% of its shares (Rosneft 2017).
- 2006 Rosneft acquired the debts of YUKOS, becoming its second-biggest debtor after the Russian tax authorities.
- 2006 Sinopec bought Udmurtneft, acting in the interests of Rosneft.
- 2006 Rosneft and CNPC signed a cooperation agreement during Vladimir Putin's visit to China and established Vostok Energy.
- 2007 Rosneft decided to raise a loan of up to USD 13 billion and provide a guarantee for Rosneft-Development to raise up to USD 9 billion funds in debt to acquire the oil assets of YUKOS (NGFR 2005).
- 2007 Rosneft bought YUKOS's oil assets during the bankruptcy auctions of the latter (Osipov 2013).
- 2007 Rosneft was included in the list of strategic enterprises.
- 2007 Rosneft (49%) and CNPC (51%) established the PetroChina-Rosneft Orient Petrochemical (Tianjin) Company to build a refinery in China.
- 2008 Igor Sechin was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the energy sector.
- 2008 President Dmitry Medvedev signed the federal law on 'Introducing Amendments to the Federal Law on the Continental Shelf', under which only Gazprom and Rosneft were given access to offshore fields.
- 2008 Rosnedra refused to extend the West Kamchatka offshore exploration licence of Rosneft and its Korean partners.
- 2008 Rosneft, LUKOIL, Gazprom Neft, TNK-BP and Surgutneftegas established the National Oil Consortium to develop Junin-6 block in Venezuela.
- 2009 Rosneft launched commercial production at Vankor (Rosneft 2017).
- 2009 Chinese banks lent Rosneft USD 15 billion to be repaid by oil exports to China (Reuters 2009).
- 2010 Rosneft acquired stakes in four refineries in Germany from Petr oleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) (Rosneft 2017).
- 2010 Sergei Bogdanchikov was fired from Rosneft while he was on a business trip. Eduard Khudainatov, Head of Severneftegazprom, replaced Bogdanchikov (Lenta.ru 2012; Osipov 2013).
- 2010 Opposition politician and activist Aleksei Navalny launched a campaign for greater transparency. Navalny tried to find out the details of the contract between Rosneft and CNPC (Osipov 2013).
- 2010 Rosneft planned to build an oil refinery in Grozny, Chechnya (Marchmonthnews 2010).
- 2010 Rosneft (49%) and Crescent Petroleum (51%) from the United Arab Emirates launched a project to drill for gas in Sharjah.

- 2010 Rosneft invited Chevron to participate in its Black Sea ventures.
- 2011 Chevron withdrew from the joint Black Sea project with Rosneft.
- 2011 President Medvedev announced that all vice premiers and ministers of the Russian government must withdraw from the boards of directors of state-owned companies. Igor Sechin resigned from the board of directors of Rosneft and was replaced by the Vice President of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Alexander Nekipelov (Lenta.ru 2012).
- 2011 A strategic alliance between Rosneft and BP was announced but it was soon torpedoed by the Russian shareholders of TNK-BP, that is, the AAR consortium (Rosneft 2011).
- 2011 Rosneft formed a strategic partnership with ExxonMobil, centred on the joint development of Russian offshore Arctic oil and oil in the Mexican Gulf and Canada (Lenta.ru 2012).
- 2011 The Kazakh Ministry of Oil and Gas terminated the Adaisk block PSA at the request of Rosneft and Sinopec.
- 2012 In March 2012, Rosneft acquired 35.3% of Taas-Yuryakh Neftegazodobycha from Sberbank and also increased its stake from 70.78% to 99.87% in Vostsibneftegaz (Rosneft 2012a).
- 2012 Rosneft signed an agreement on strategic cooperation with Itera (Rosneft 2012b).
- 2012 Igor Sechin became CEO of Rosneft (Osipov 2013; Rosneft 2017l).
- 2012 Rosneft reached a binding agreement to take over TNK-BP. The deal was finalized in March 2013 (Katona 2016; Osipov 2013; Rosneft 2017l).
- 2012 Rosneft and ExxonMobil signed an agreement to cooperate on tight oil reserves at the Bazhenov and Achimov formations in Western Siberia (Rosneft 2017l).
- 2012 Rosneft signed an agreement with Statoil (now Equinor) to establish a joint venture to work in the Barents Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk (Rosneft 2017l).
- 2012 Rosneft and ENI formed a joint venture to develop licence areas in the Barents and Black Seas (Rosneft 2017l).
- 2012 Rosneft and its international partners signed joint declarations on sustainable Arctic offshore developments.
- 2012 Rosneft signed a major deal on gas supplies with Inter RAO.
- 2012 Rosneft and Itera Group established a joint venture based on the assets of NGK Itera (Rosneft 2012c).
- 2012 RN Cardium Oil bought a 30% share in the Cardium project in the province of Alberta from ExxonMobil.
- 2012 Rosneft, Transneft and CNPC resolved their conflict and agreed upon new delivery terms with the Russian companies providing a discount of USD 1.5 per barrel to CNPC.
- 2013 Rosneft closed the deal on the acquisition of TNK-BP (Rosneft 2017l).
- 2013 Rosneft reached an agreement to buy several petroleum assets of ALROSA (Rosneft 2013g).
- 2013 Rosneft reached an agreement with Enel to buy 40% in Arctic Russia B.V. (Rosneft 2013a).
- 2013 Rosneft and Novatek reached an agreement on an asset swap (Rosneft 2013b).
- 2013 The Federal Anti-Monopoly Service allowed RN-East Siberia to purchase the remaining 64.67% of Taas-Yuryakh Neftegazodobycha (Rosneft 2013c).

- 2013 Rosneft and ExxonMobil expanded their strategic cooperation by including seven additional licensing plots covering an area of 600 000 square kilometres in the Chukchi, Laptev and Kara seas (Rosneft 2013d).
- 2013 Rosneft and CNPC signed an export contract to deliver 360 million metric tonnes of crude over 25 years, worth some USD 270 billion. In addition, Rosneft and Sinopec signed a contract worth USD 85 billion under which Rosneft would supply 100 million metric tonnes of crude over ten years (Reuters 2013).
- 2013 The dividend was increased to RUB 85 billion, and RUB 2.7 trillion was transferred to the budget of the Russian Federation (Rosneft 2017l).
- 2013 Rosneft, Gazprombank, Sovkomflot and DSME signed a MoU on cooperation for creating a shipbuilding and industrial cluster in Primorsky Krai.
- 2013 Rosneft was officially charged with the construction of an oil refinery in Chechnya.
- 2013 Rosneft became the third-largest gas producer in Russia after Gazprom and Novatek.
- 2013 Rosneft and ExxonMobil made plans to build an LNG plant in the Far East of Russia.
- 2013 Rosneft and Novatek successfully lobbied for changes in gas exports: a law granting export rights to certain LNG projects came into force, essentially ending Gazprom's monopoly.
- 2013 Rosneft (40%) and CVP, a subsidiary of PDVSA, signed an agreement establishing Petrovictoria S.A. to develop Carabobo 2.
- 2013 Neftegaz America Shelf L.P, a subsidiary of Rosneft, bought a 30% share in 20 of ExxonMobil's deep-water blocks in the American part of the Mexican Gulf (Rosneft 2013e).
- 2013 Rosneft and Statoil (now Equinor) successfully participated in the twenty-second licensing round held by the government of Norway.
- 2013 Rosneft obtained important gas assets in Vietnam through its acquisition of TNK-BP.
- 2013 Rosneft bought a stake in the Saras refinery in Italy (Rosneft 2013f).
- 2014 Rosneft together with ExxonMobil discovered a large oil and gas field in the Kara Sea and called it Pobeda (Victory) (Rosneft 2017l).
- 2014 Rosneft strengthened its foothold in Germany by acquiring Total's 16.67% stake in the Schwedt refinery (Katona 2016).
- 2014 Rosneft increased its stake in the Venezuelan National Oil Consortium to 80% (Rosneft 2014e).
- 2014 Rosneft and PDVSA signed an agreement on cooperation to start production in the Rio Caribe and Mejillones blocks in Venezuela (Processing 2014).
- 2014 Rosneft and PDVSA signed their first long-term contract for deliveries of oil and petroleum products to Russia from Venezuela.
- 2014 Rosneft bought 100% of the Orenburg Drilling Company from VTB Leasing (Rosneft 2014a).
- 2014 US sanctions were introduced against Rosneft and against Igor Sechin personally.
- 2014 17 Rosneft subsidiaries were placed under US sanctions, and ExxonMobil withdrew from the joint Kara Sea exploration drilling project (Katona 2016).
- 2014 Rosneft bought drilling and well-repair assets in Russia and Venezuela from Weatherford International.
- 2014 Rosneft and Cuban CUPET signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to implement projects in Cuba (Rosneft 2014b).

- 2014 Rosneft began to increase the share in the Solimoes project in Brazil, which it had inherited from TNK-BP (Rosneft 2014c).
- 2014 Rosneft acquired the Bishkek Oil Company in Kyrgyzstan (Rosneft 2014d).
- 2015 Rosneft commenced oil production at the Arkutun-Dagi field using Berkut, the world's largest drilling platform (Rosneft 2017l).
- 2015 Rosneft acquired the SANORS holding company (Novokuybyshevsk Petrochemical Company) (Rosneft 2017l).
- 2015 Rosneft bought the Russian subsidiary of Trican Well Service (Rosneft 2015d).
- 2015 The joint venture between Rosneft and BP to exploit the Domanic formation in the Orenburg region halted its activities because of the sanctions (Industryruss 2015).
- 2015 Moody's downgraded Rosneft's rating from Baa2 to Baa3, and S&P downgraded its long-term credit rating of Rosneft's foreign currency debt from BBB- to BB+, with a 'negative' outlook.
- 2015 Rosneft closed a deal for the sale of its 50% in the joint venture Polar Lights with ConocoPhillips (Rosneft 2015a).
- 2015 Rosneft and BP signed a deal to cooperate within the framework of Taas-Yuryakh Neftegazodobycha (BP bought 20%) (Rosneft 2015b).
- 2015 Rosneft and ExxonMobil were announced the winners of three blocks in Mozambique, with ExxonMobil as the project operator.
- 2015 Rosneft and Sinopec signed an agreement on the joint development of the Russkoye and Yurubcheno-Tokhomskiye fields (Rosneft 2015c).
- 2016 Rosneft finalized a deal to sell 19.5% of its stock to Glencore and the Qatari sovereign wealth fund (Golubkova et al. 2016).
- 2016 Rosneft overtook Gazprom in terms of its capitalization in RTS.
- 2016 Rosneft bought the Bashneft oil company from the state for RUB 330 billion.
- 2016 Rosneft bought the Targin service company from AFK Sistema (Rosneft 2016d).
- 2016 Rosneft (51%) and BP (49%) signed an agreement on the establishment of the Yermak Neftegaz joint venture (Rosneft 2016a).
- 2016 Rosneft and ExxonMobil returned their licences for the blocks in the Gulf of Mexico.
- 2016 Rosneft dissolved its Ruhr Oel partnership with BP in Germany (Rosneft 2016b).
- 2016 Rosneft sold 49.9% of Vankorneft to India's ONGC and a consortium of Indian investors, and 29.9% of Taas-Yuryakh Neftegazodobycha to the consortium (TASS 2016).
- 2016 In November, Alexei Ulyukayev, the Minister of Economic Development, was detained in the offices of Rosneft on charges of extortion and taking a bribe of USD 2 million for allowing the deal to sell shares of Bashneft to go through (BBC 2017; Caroll 2017; Revonenko 2017).
- 2016 Rosneft and Statoil (now Equinor) drilled two dry wells in the Sea of Okhotsk (OffshoreEnergy 2016b).
- 2016 Rosneft and the Indonesian company Pertamina signed preliminary agreements on the sale to the Indonesian company of stakes in the Russkoye field (up to 37.5%) and in the northern part of Chaivo (up to 20%) (OffshoreEnergy 2016a).

- 2016 PDVSA transferred to Rosneft 49.9% of Citgo, its American subsidiary that manages three refineries and oil pipelines in the United States, as a pledge under a pre-payment contract (Seekingalpha 2016).
- 2016 Rosneft was announced winner of the tender for the construction of the Tuban refining and petrochemical complex in Indonesia (HydrocarbonTechnology 2016).
- 2016 Rosneft invited ChemChina to a 40% stake in its Eastern Petrochemical Company (Rosneft 2016c).
- 2016 Oil production at Vankor began to decline (Reuters 2016).
- 2017 Igor Sechin missed the court proceedings of the Ulyukaev case for the second time (Mironenko 2017; Reiter 2017; RFERL 2017c).
- 2017 Rosneft and Bashneft filed a claim with the Moscow Arbitration Court against AFK Sistema, the former owner of Bashneft, for RUB 106.6 billion. The court ultimately ruled that RUB 136.3 billion should be recovered from Sistema (BBC 2017; Polivanov 2017; Solodkov 2017).
- 2017 Rosneft decided not to build a refinery in Chechnya (RFERL 2017a).
- 2017 A conflict arose between Rosneft and the Chechen authorities over Chechenneftekhimprom (RFERL 2017b).
- 2017 QIA and Glencore agreed to sell the lion's share of their 14.16% stake to the largely unknown Chinese company, Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) (Daily Mail 2017).
- 2017 Rosneft acquired Kondaneft in its entirety (Rosneft 2017a).
- 2017 The European Court of Justice ruled that the EU sanctions against Rosneft were legitimate (Rosneft 2017b).
- 2017 Rosneft drilled a well in the Laptev Sea and announced the discovery of a field there (Rosneft 2017c).
- 2017 The joint venture between Rosneft and Statoil (now Equinor) began drilling the Domanic formation in Russia's Samara region (Rosneft 2017d).
- 2017 Rosneft sold 20% in Verkhnechonskneftegaz to Beijing Gas and signed a provisional agreement to supply gas to China (Rosneft 2017e).
- 2017 Rosneft signed a MoU with BP concerning the sale and purchase of natural gas in Europe (Rosneft 2017f).
- 2017 Rosneft closed a deal to buy 30% in the licence for the Zohr field in the Mediterranean (Rosneft 2017g).
- 2017 Rosneft signed a wide-ranging strategic agreement with National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) (Rosneft 2017h).
- 2017 Rosneft signed a cooperation agreement and several contracts with Kurdistan (Rosneft 2017i).
- 2017 Rosneft-Brazil started drilling the first exploration well in the Solimoes project (Rosneft 2017j).
- 2017 Rosneft sold its stake in the Saras refinery in Italy (Eurasiatx 2017).
- 2017 Russia became the largest oil supplier to China (Asia Dialogue 2017).
- 2017 Rosneft and CEFC Energy signed a strategic cooperation agreement during Xi Jinping's official visit to Russia (Rosneft 2017k).
- 2017 Rosneft in cooperation with partners bought EOL, owner of the Vadimar refinery in India (Reuters 2017).

- 2017 S&P confirmed its long-term credit rating of Rosneft at BB+ with a 'positive' outlook (Rosneft 2019c).
- 2018 Moody's upgraded Rosneft's rating to investment level again, with a Baa3 rating and a 'stable' outlook (Rosneft 2019c).
- 2018 Bashneft, controlled by Rosneft, discovered an oilfield in Iraq (Rosneft 2019a).
- 2018 Ye Tsianmin, the board chairman of CEFC, was detained on charges of economic crimes, and CEFC's deal with Glencore and QIA collapsed (Reuters 2018).
- 2019 Rosneft started direct sales of refined products to three refineries in Germany (Rosneft 2019b).

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