

How will the "Arktika" cope with guiding supply ships when this herculean vessel is having such difficulty just making its own way through the ice? It would appear that, just like a few years ago, two nuclear-powered ships are needed here. This scenario has been foreseen by the individuals responsible for ice breaking in the Arctic and the nuclear-powered "Sibir" is returning today to its base for preventive maintenance and to replenish its supplies. In mid-June it will once again head along the northern sea route where a third nuclear-powered ship, the "Rossiya" is now ensuring deliveries by supply ships.

The Murmansk steamship line is also preparing to send its icebreakers, which are indispensable for guiding ships through shallow waters, to the northern seas. With all of these joint forces, arctic seamen expect to ensure the delivery of supplies to the inhabitants of the Far North and Siberia.

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Caught In A Rigid Framework

Valerii Pavlovich, what advantages have you seen in the transition to self-financing and self-payment? How have they affected the work results of the labour collective of the steamship line?