

At present, the diesel-electric ship is heading toward the shores of Odessa.

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Supplies Are Getting To Yamal's Oil Fields Earlier

The sailors of the Northern Basin began the sea-lift to Yamal Peninsula today, almost three weeks earlier than usual this year.

They expect to deliver from Murmansk, Arkhangel'sk and other ports more than three times the supplies provided last year to the gas and oil prospectors of Western Siberia at Yamal.

"This is a very crucial and demanding task," said V. Shestopalov, Deputy Chief of the Murmansk Sea Shipping Service. "The construction of a new ice moorage will help us cope with it."

Up to the present, almost all the flow of supplies to Yamal went over the ice moorage at Kharasavey Cape. This year we found a location where the ice becomes sufficiently solid to support transport operations much sooner than near Kharasavey. And today we dispatched the MS Monchegorsk there.

A new loading/unloading procedure will help speed up operations. The handling of the MS Monchegorsk, both in Murmansk and at the ice moorage,