

## Rosneft Talks \$25Bln Loan

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Oil company Rosneft is in talks with up to 20 banks about a \$25 billion loan to back its \$55 billion acquisition of rival TNK-BP, bankers said.

About 10 banks, likely to include three U.S. banks, three Japanese, a couple of British and one or two French banks, were expected to commit about \$2.5 billion each.

Other international banks were also likely to commit smaller amounts, which could push the total loan to between \$30 billion and \$35 billion, the bankers said Wednesday.

At \$30 billion, it would be Europe's 10th-biggest syndicated loan and the largest for a Russian borrower, according to Thomson Reuters LPC data.

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