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Russia's 'Second Most Powerful Man' Building $60M Home Near Moscow

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Igor⊠Sechin,
head⊠of
state-owned⊠oil company
Rosneft⊠and
a⊠
close⊠advisor to President
Vladimir Putin, is building a new⊠$60 million mansion
⊠on land
close⊠to a
⊠presidential
residence⊠outside Moscow
,⊠the Vedomosti newspaper reported Wednesday.

Sechin,⊠his children, and Varvara Sechina, whose relationship to Sechin is⊠unknown, own three⊠plots of land in the exclusive Moscow suburb of Rublyovka, Vedomosti⊠

reported.
The land has a
joint market value of $110 million.

A nearby property previously owned by Sechin was
also
given to his ex
-wife, whom he
divorced in 2011.

Satellite images published by Vedomosti show a palatial mansion being constructed on the central 3 hectare plot, ringed by a perimeter fence and surrounded by pine forest.

Sechin, a friend of Putin who has been dubbed "Russia's second most powerful man" has led Rosneft
since he left his post as deputy prime minister in 2012. He currently
receives a
base salary of between 15 and 20 million rubles ($295,000 - $390,000) a month,
as well
as additional payments for sitting on the
board of
directors and for handling classified
information. Sechin's son Ivan, an owner of one of the Rublyovka plots, is the vice director of joint projects at Rosneft.

Yekaterina Ignatovaya, wife of Sergey Chemezov
, the head of
state industrial
company Rostec,
also owns a recently finished house close
to Sechin's properties.
The house has now been put on the market for undisclosed reasons.
A unnamed
Vedomosti
source claimed that
Ignatovaya "had fallen out with her
neighbors."

"A lion will lie peacefully next to a lamb before Sechin and Chemezov are neighbors," the source said. "Their interests too often collide."

Seven houses owned by the former co-owners of the YUKOS oil company, which was forcibly broken up for alleged tax offenses and declared bankrupt in 2006, are also close to the development.

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