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# Partner of Putin's Eldest Daughter Named Head of New Novatek Subsidiary – Mozhem Obyasnit

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Yevgeny Nagorny and Maria Vorontsova. **Video grab**

The partner of President Vladimir Putin's eldest daughter has been appointed to head a newly formed subsidiary of Russian gas giant Novatek, the exiled investigative outlet Mozhem Obyasnit reported Tuesday, citing corporate registry data.

Yevgeny Nagorny was named CEO of Nova Nord on Oct. 1, the outlet reported. The company was registered in Moscow with charter capital of 1 million rubles ($12,200) and Novatek as its sole founder.

Nagorny has reportedly been in a relationship with Maria Vorontsova, whom investigative outlets have identified as Putin's eldest daughter, since 2016. The couple is said to have a child born in 2017, the same year Nagorny joined Novatek.

Nova Nord's registered business activities include oil and gas extraction, wholesale fuel

trading, pipeline transportation, geological exploration, subsoil licensing and quarry development.

Nagorny has also served since December 2023 as CEO of Murmansk-Transgaz, another Novatek subsidiary responsible for pipeline infrastructure for Novatek chairman and CEO Leonid Mikhelson's ambitious Murmansk LNG project.

Mikhelson has frequently lobbied Putin for decisions benefiting the company. His longtime business partner and a major Novatek shareholder, Gennady Timchenko, is widely regarded as a close associate of the president.

Novatek has been under U.S. sanctions since 2014, while Murmansk-Transgaz was sanctioned in February 2025.

Nagorny has avoided the Western sanctions imposed on other members of Putin's family in response to the invasion of Ukraine. A 2022 investigation linked his exclusion to the fact that he is not in a registered marriage with Vorontsova.

Putin has never publicly acknowledged Vorontsova or her younger sister, Katerina Tikhonova, as his daughters.

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