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**Russian Standard Announces Major Gift to Dmitri Mendeleev Museum
5-year Partnership Will Restore Russian Scientist's Works**

St. Petersburg, Russia, July 16 – Russian Standard Corporation today announced a major gift to the Dmitri Mendeleev Museum, which houses the personal archive of one of Russia's most famous scientists. Mendeleev was the founder of the Periodic Table of Elements and pioneered research into the equilibrium of water and spirit in alcoholic beverage production.

Russian Standard's support – a grant of \$250,000 over five years – will be used to restore documents and books written by Mendeleev. His works – many of which are written in the scientist's own hand – are stored in his former office and apartment on the grounds of the St. Petersburg State University.

“Dmitri Mendeleev was one of the greatest residents of St. Petersburg, and he made significant contributions to science,” said Igor Gorlinsky, Rector of Scientific Studies at St. Petersburg State Museum. “We are pleased that Russian Standard has become our strategic partner and that our cooperation will give the Dmitri Mendeleev Museum the possibility to restore unique documents so they do not lose their historical relevance even to today's scientists.”

“As a company founded in St. Petersburg, it is a great honor for Russian Standard to be a partner in this worthy project,” said Roustam Tariko, founder and chairman of Russian Standard Corporation. “We believe it is important to ensure that the work of Dmitri Mendeleev is restored and made available to future generations. We are pleased to make this gift to the people of St. Petersburg.”

The Dmitri Mendeleev Museum was founded in 1911 at the initiative of participants in the first Mendeleev Forum. The museum is located in the former apartment of Mendeleev (1834-1907), who lived and worked there from 1866 to 1890 as a chemistry professor at St. Petersburg State University.

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