

## Dear friends!

The fourth edition of the Silk Way Rally will be run from 7 to 13 July, 2012. In just three years after the first start the race became a recognizable worldwide sports brand associated with famous sports names, intensive struggle and a great adventure. The rally dedicated to the Olympic Games-2014 in Sochi is an initiative of the Russian Government and the Russian Ministry of Sport and Tourism. This is the third time in a row that Oil Transporting Joint Stock Company Transneft will become the title sponsor of the Silk Way Rally.

Russian rally organizing committee is very much obliged to the professional team of ASO which gave support in the organization of the race, and thanks them for the mutual understanding and friendly attitude.

This year the organizers of the Silk Way Rally inaugurated a route starting in Moscow (Red Square), which delighted everyone who was there last year and finishing in the city of Géléndjik, a beautiful seaside resort in the south of Russia near Sochi - of the host city for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games.

As before the 4th edition of the Silk Way Rally is organized by Semen Yakubov with the support from Frédéric Lequien and his partners. In the near future we will inform the address of the new office of Frédéric Lequien in Paris, where he will coordinate the cooperation with foreign partners and competitors.

The goal of the joint team of the rally organizers is the following: "Every next race should be better than the last." They managed to do it until now. This year the organisers have prepared a lot of pleasant surprises for all competitors. The competitors will meet six unforgettable days of adventure, more interesting and no less difficult than before. Experienced Russian organisers of the rally are firmly convinced in the next success of our young but already world-famous sports event.

The opening of receipt of the race application files (1st part: low price) began the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2012.

Entry forms and regulations of the Silk Way Rally – 2012 you can find on our new website: www.silkwayrally.ru, www.silkwayrally.com in the near future.

For full details on the Silk Way Rally 2012 registrations, please contact the Competitors Department:

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