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Wiki (May 2018):

Wiki: in October 2003, Khodorkovsky—by then the richest man in Russia and 16th richest man in the world—was arrested, and the company was forcibly broken up for alleged unpaid taxes shortly after and declared bankrupt in August 2006.[1] Courts in several countries later ruled that the real intent was to destroy Yukos and obtain its assets for the government, and act politically against Khodorkovsky. In 2014 the largest arbitration award in history, \$50 billion (€37,2 billion), was won by Yukos' former owners against Russia.[2]. However this \$50 billion award by the Permanent Court of Arbitration has been thrown out by the local court in The Hague as invalid.[3] From 2003-04 onwards, the Russian government presented Yukos with a series of tax claims totaling US\$27 billion (€20,1 billion). As the government froze Yukos' assets at the same time, and alternative attempts to settle by Yukos were refused, the company was unable to pay these tax demands.[4] Between 2004 and 2007, most of Yukos's assets were seized and transferred for a fraction of their value to state-owned oil companies.[5]

- 1 "Yukos Creditors Told Russian Oil Company Is Doomed". Bloomberg. July 25, 2006. Retrieved 2008-08-31.
- 2 https://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/28/us-russia-yukos-gml-idUSKBN0FX00620140728
- 3 "Dutch court quashes \$50 billion Yukos shareholders' award" --AP news
- 4 "Yukos case against Russia begins at European court". BBC News. March 4, 2010.
- 5 "Russian state oil company wins another Yukos auction". New York Times. August 8, 2007.

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Forced sale of assets: In the Western media and the Russian opposition media the high-profile arrest of Khodorkovsky is usually attributed to his activism in the Russian political process.[13][14][15] On October 31, 2003, shortly after the arrest of the company's CEO, the Russian government froze ownership of 44% of the company's shares. The reason given was to prevent a group of shareholders led by Khodorkovsky from selling a large stake of the company to the US oil firm Exxon. A Yukos shareholders' meeting scheduled for December 20, 2004 was to discuss a "crisis plan." A Russian company must hold such a meeting before it can apply for bankruptcy in Russia. The Russian Government sold Yukos's main production unit, Yuganskneftegas, at auction on December 19, 2004 to recover some of \$28 billion in alleged tax debts, following the loss of an appeal by the firm. Menatep, the company representing Mikhail Khodorkovsky, promised to challenge the sale's legality in a number of countries, and to sue the buyer and any company helping to fund the deal. The expected buyer was the 38% Russian state owned company OAO Gazprom. Some European and American oil firms decided not to bid. On December 19, 2004, the Baikalfinansgrup, an unknown company registered several days before the auction in Tver at an address where a snack bar was located, won the auction for Yukos's subsidiary Yuganskneftegas with a 260.75 billion rubles (\$9.4 billion) bid.[16] Yuganskneftegas was a few months earlier valued at between \$15 billion and \$17 billion by DrKW which the Russian government hired to value the subsidiary. Suggested financiers to the Baikal Finance Group are Gazprom, Sberbank, the Russian central bank, China National Petroleum Corporation, and ONGC (India). The reason for this arrangement may be that Gazprom feared international legal action against it after a Houston, Texas court ruling that barred Gazprom from bidding for the unit. This ruling was subsequently vacated. According to people familiar with the auction only two bidders registered for, and were present during, the auction process: Baikalfinansgrup and Gazprom's former oil unit Gazpromneft. Accounts from the auction say that the first bid of \$8.6 billion came from Baikal. When the auctioneer asked Gazpromneft to offer its price, a representative of the company asked to make a telephone call and left the room. A few minutes earlier, the auctioneer had told participants that using a mobile phone or leaving the room was against the rules. When a Gazpromneft representative returned to the room, Baikal made a bid of \$9.3 billion. Gazpromneft never placed a bid or spoke out. Shortly after the Yuganskneftegaz auction, Rosneft, Russian state-owned oil company, acquired 100% of shares in Baikalfinansgrup. The acquisition of Yuganskneftegaz significantly increased Rosneft's profits and made it one of the largest oil companies in Russia.[17] In the course of these events the value of Yukos shares plunged.

Bankruptcy: On 15 June 2006, based on a bank deposit of \$4M and its American CEO's Houston home, Yukos filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States, estimating its assets at \$12.3 billion and its debts at

\$30.8 billion, including "alleged taxes owed to the Russian government". It accused the Russian authorities of "an unprecedented campaign of illegal, discriminatory, and disproportionate tax claims escalating into raids and confiscations, culminating in intimidation and arrests". After several weeks of deliberation, the Houston court declared that under no conceivable theory could Yukos assert domicile in the US. On 25 July 2006, the creditors of Yukos decided to file for bankruptcy after the bankruptcy manager stated that the company should be liquidated.[18

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Letter to all stakeholders from Steven Theede, June 2005, at www.yukos.com (viewed 2006):

"Within a mere 14 months between April 2004 and June 2005, a transparent, globally-respected multinational corporation, YUKOS, has been subjected to a series of carefully timed and politically motivated attacks by the Russian government under the pretext of non-payment of taxes.

The situation facing the Company today is unprecedented in Russia and, we believe, anywhere else in the world. The circumstances may be unprecedented but our obligations as management are not. Today's meeting is a clear example of the on-going transparency in our business and our commitment to internationally recognized and domestic Russian systems of corporate governance.

The management team continues to do what we can to protect the interests of all stakeholders, the innocent victims of this ongoing saga. As a result of the illegal expropriation of our main subsidiary, Yuganskneftegaz, YUKOS is a smaller, though still significant, oil company with daily production of around 65,000 tonnes while our refineries still provide 20% of the oil products used by Russian vehicles." etc.

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From Yukos data 1990-2003 published at website (see column F) converted from million tonnes to million barrels per year at 7.3 bbl/tonnne.

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Presumed Yukos data, but may be blended with USSR/Russian data prior to Yukos' privatization in 1995/96. Data for 1990 through 2003 at Yukos website: Exploration and Production, Results.

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Production 2000-2001 from Energy Intelligence Top 100, p. 274.

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Oil production 2003 from Yukos website www.yukos.com

OGJ100 reports 589.8 million bbl.

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Gas production 2003 from Yukos website www.vukos.com

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Yukos production in 2004 from OGJ100, Sep05.