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RE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NORD STREAM GAS PIPELINE
MODIFICATION

We are thankful for the additional information concerning the Nord Stream gas pipeline modification as prescribed in the document „Status of Nord Stream pipeline route in the Baltic Sea. October 2007“.

The document „Status of Nord Stream pipeline route in the Baltic Sea. October 2007“ has been circulated for comments to relevant Lithuanian authorities.

In general, main concern regarding the Nord Stream gas pipeline modification is the same as indicated in the letter of the Ministry of the Environment, dated February 15, 2007.

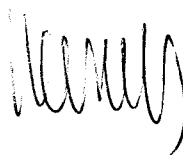
Referring to the received document we would like to stress that the proposed gas pipeline route modifications are not real route alternatives. Therefore, in the EIA report should analyse not only the offshore route, but also another possible alternative routes. According to the concept of environmental damage prevention, alternatives should be thoroughly assessed.

As a result, it is impossible to state that Nord Stream project and proposed modifications is the optimal solution considering environmental and other aspects.

Additionally, we would like to underline that the EIA report should contain detailed analysis of risk factors (all possible internal and external factors) and their potential impacts on the Baltic Sea region. However, the some statements in the received document raise doubts that this analysis will

be thorough enough. One of the unsubstantiated statements is that contact with dumped munitions (chemical and conventional ammunition) will have no impact on the environment of Baltic States and Poland (chapter 8.6 of the received document). In our opinion, this issue should be assessed further in the environmental impact assessment process.

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