

STATEMENT

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Nord Stream looks for most feasible route

Zug, 1 November 2007. As with every constructive approach to its planned pipeline project across the Baltic Sea, Nord Stream AG welcomes the statement by the Swedish Minister for Environment, Andreas Carlgren. Nord Stream will make a key contribution to securing Europe's long-term energy supply and to the rapid implementation of crucial trans-national gas connections as well as meeting European climate change targets.

As a trans-boundary EU project of high importance according to the TEN-E guidelines, Nord Stream is subject to international conventions and national legislation in each of the countries that are directly affected (Parties of origin) by the pipelines. Therefore, Nord Stream will study the Ministry's proposals very carefully.

Nord Stream is confident that the route, which will be presented to the Swedish permitting authorities later this year, is the best possible solution in terms of technical, environmental, and economic feasibility. For more than a year, the entire route has been the subject of intensive international consultations with all Baltic Sea countries within the framework of the Espoo Convention. As a result of this consultation process, the pipeline route is already undergoing optimisation. During the consultation process in Sweden, the environmental authorities recommended an alternative routing south of Gotland. Therefore, Nord Stream is presently investigating this section in order to identify the optimal route with respect to environmental concerns raised, as well as the risks related to ship traffic and dumped munitions. Moreover, current planning foresees that no Natura 2000 site will be crossed in the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Nord Stream is fully committed to preserving the ecosystem of the Baltic Sea. The pipeline has been planned with keen awareness of environmental issues and Baltic Sea conditions. In the Swedish EEZ the pipeline will be routed in a corridor where the seabed was surveyed in great detail. This detailed survey was carried out by the Swedish company Marin Mätteknik (MMT), Gothenburg, with the use of state-of-the-art technology. No relevant munitions in the installation corridor were identified in the Swedish EEZ. An environmental sampling campaign has been carried out by the Swedish Geological Survey (SGU) and the University of Stockholm.

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