

**Communication dated:**

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**from:**

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(State Bureau for the Environment and Nature, Rostock, German  
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**addressed to:**

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**Approval procedure for construction and operation of the "Nord Stream"  
high-pressure natural-gas pipeline through the Baltic**

**Your letter dated November 24, 2006**

**Plot plan for the sand-obtainment point**

Dear Sirs,

I wish to provide the following comments to the documents submitted in the context of involvement of bearers of public interest, concerning the technical items mentioned below:

## **1 Water and soil**

It is for reasons of coastal protection not possible to approve the course of the route through the "Prorer Wiek" ('Prora Bay') sand-excavation zone (see attached plot-plan).

Reasons:

The "*Prorer Wiek*" sand-obtainment location is, in accordance with the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern regional development program dated May 30, 2005, a priority zone for obtainment of these raw materials. The material recovered here is used in the context of coastal conservation measures. The regional development program requires that priority be assigned to marine deposits of raw materials required for coastal conservation and anti-flooding protection above all other regionally significant potential utilizations. Since it continues to

be necessary to assume that safety zones will need to be maintained even after installation of the pipelines, exploitation of the sand deposits would under certain circumstances no longer be possible.

The Water and Soil department is not responsible with respect to requirements for the scope of examination, since the routing and landing point are located outside of the Rostock StAUN territory (State Ordinance on Subordinate State Authorities for Environmental Administration dated March 19, 2004 – *GVOBl. M-V 2004*, p. 142, most recently amended by Ordinance dated May 23, 2006, *GVOBl. 2006*, p. 268).

## **2 Conservation of nature and the landscape**

The planned project's route corridor runs at all points outside the StAUN Rostock Conservation-of-Nature department's local territory. The *StAUNs* in Stralsund and Ueckermünde are responsible. No comments of any content are therefore submitted on the project.

This response relates only to the documents submitted by yourselves.

It no longer applies to these documents, should they be changed or otherwise amended.

An e-mail of the same content as this letter will also be sent to you (provided you have stated an e-mail address), in order to facilitate your processing work.

Yours faithfully

**Hans-Joachim Meier**