

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Temporary Shutdown of Nord Stream Pipeline for 11-day Annual Maintenance Works**

- **Routine maintenance works planned well in advance as part of long-term pipeline integrity management**
- **Maintenance schedule agreed and coordinated with upstream and downstream partners**

**Zug, August 30, 2017.** Nord Stream AG will be conducting long-planned annual maintenance works on its twin gas pipelines system between September 11 and 22, 2017. This routine maintenance work will require a temporary shutdown of both lines.

“The Nord Stream AG twin pipeline is a state-of-the-art gas infrastructural technology. Since the Nord Stream Pipelines were put into operation more than five years ago, we have continuously delivered natural gas to the European market. Regular maintenance allows us to ensure that our pipeline system is operated in an efficient, safe and reliable way”, Nord Stream AG’s Managing Director Alexey Zagorovski pointed out.

These scheduled annual maintenance works are an essential part of Nord Stream’s long-term pipeline integrity management strategy to ensure the safe and sound transport of natural gas through the offshore pipeline system. It includes annual maintenance of mechanical components, as well as testing of the automation system. The timing for the maintenance activities has been agreed and coordinated with Nord Stream’s upstream and downstream partners well in advance. The temporary interruption of supplies has been factored into the nominations of gas to be transported via Nord Stream to downstream European partners.

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### **Notes to editors**

**Nord Stream AG** is an international joint venture established for the planning, construction and operation of the twin offshore gas pipelines through the Baltic Sea. Russian OAO Gazprom holds a 51 per cent stake in the joint venture. The German companies BASF SE/Wintershall Holding GmbH and PEG Infrastruktur AG (PEGI/E.ON subsidiary), hold 15.5 per cent each, and the Dutch gas infrastructure company N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie, along with the leading French energy provider

ENGIE, each hold a 9 per cent stake. Nord Stream's head office and operations centre are both located in Zug, Switzerland.

**Nord Stream's natural gas pipelines through the Baltic Sea** have the capacity to transport 55 billion cubic metres (bcm) of Russian gas a year to the EU, for at least 50 years. Both lines run in parallel for 1,224 kilometres from Portovaya Bay, near Vyborg on the Russian Baltic Sea coast to Lubmin, Germany. Each pipeline comprises some 100,000 24-tonne concrete-weight-coated steel pipes laid on the seabed along the precise route approved by the authorities of the five countries through whose waters the pipelines pass. Construction of the first Nord Stream Pipeline started in April 2010, and both lines were completed and on-stream in October 2012, on schedule and on budget.

**Nord Stream is committed to safety and the environment:** the consortium invested 100 million euros in the most comprehensive research of the Baltic Sea ever in planning the pipeline. The consortium consulted widely to ensure that the design, routing, construction and operation of the pipeline will be safe and environmentally sound.

**In 2006, Nord Stream was designated a "project of European interest" by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union.** This inclusion in the Trans-European Energy Network Guidelines (TEN-E) of the European Union recognized Nord Stream as a key project for meeting Europe's energy infrastructure needs.