

PRESS RELEASE

Nord Stream Becomes Main Sponsor of the EVZ

- Nord Stream deepens its cooperation with EVZ to become new main sponsor
- Contract to begin in the 2018/19 season
- Nord Stream logo to be featured on national league team's jerseys

Zug, Switzerland, 19 June 2018. Nord Stream AG is stepping up its cooperation with the EVZ hockey organization to become its main sponsor. The sponsorship will begin in the 2018/19 season and for at least three years. As part of this new agreement, the Nord Stream company logo will now also be featured on the national league team's jerseys.

The company already has a long-standing partnership with the EVZ hockey school in Zug, the Swiss city that is also home to Nord Stream's headquarters. Over the years, Nord Stream has engaged in the field of youth development and competitive sports at the EVZ. In the 2017/18 season, the company expanded its activities at all levels to become a Gold Sponsor, in addition to supporting the EVZ's youth tournament. Taking on the main sponsorship for the upcoming season now represents an even deeper commitment to supporting regional athletics.

"With this new level of support for the EVZ, Nord Stream wants to express its serious dedication to fostering meaningful relationships with the region. We will be so proud to see our logo on the jerseys of the EVZ's talented national league team," said Alexey Zaytsev, Nord Stream's Managing Director.

The EVZ has expressed its appreciation of the expanded partnership. "It is important to us that we nurture long-term, valuable partnerships with our sponsors. Therefore we are very happy that we can count on Nord Stream AG in the coming years," said Patrick Lengwiler, CEO of the EVZ.

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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 PJSC Gazprom holds a 51 per cent stake in the joint venture. The German companies Wintershall Oil AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of Wintershall) and PEG Infrastruktur AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of E.ON Beteiligungen) hold 15.5 per cent each, and the Dutch gas infrastructure company Gasunie Infrastruktur AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of Gasunie), along with the French energy provider Engie Energy Management Holding Switzerland AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of Engie), each hold a 9 per cent stake. Nord Stream's head office and operations centre are both in Zug, Switzerland.

Nord Stream's natural gas pipelines through the Baltic Sea have the design 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.

Nord Stream is committed to safety and the environment: In the planning of the pipeline, the consortium invested 100 million euros in the most comprehensive research of the Baltic Sea ever conducted. The consortium also consulted widely to ensure that the design, routing, construction and operation of the pipeline would 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 recognised Nord Stream as a key project for meeting Europe's energy infrastructure needs.