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Press Release

Annual Maintenance Works Successfully Completed

Gas transmission via Nord Stream Pipeline resumed on 30.07.2018

Annual maintenance works are part of the long-term Pipeline Integrity Management Strategy of Nord Stream AG

All planned maintenance works on the Nord Stream twin gas pipelines have been successfully concluded within the scheduled time frame. Gas transmission resumed today and the full capacity of both pipelines is now available again.

Nord Stream AG's Maintenance Director Olivier Escola highlighted: "For the sixth consecutive year, our Operations and Maintenance teams as well as our contractors have done an excellent job. Nord Stream AG has completed all maintenance activities as planned and on time. This annual interruption of gas transportation ensures that Nord Stream maintains on the long run the highest standards of safety and reliability. This enables us to contribute to secure energy supply in Europe."

The maintenance works for northern gas corridor (starting from Gryazovets, Russia and finishing in Rehden, Germany and on German/Czech border) had been scheduled in close coordination with Nord Stream AG's upstream and downstream partners well in advance.

Nord Stream's maintenance works are an essential part of the company's long-term Pipeline Integrity Management Strategy. The temporary interruption of supplies was factored into the nominations of gas to be transported via the Nord Stream Pipeline 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 PJSC Gazprom holds a 51 per cent stake in the joint venture. Wintershall Oil AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of German company Wintershall) and PEG Infrastruktur AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of E.ON Beteiligungen) hold 15.5 per cent each, and Gasunie Infrastruktur AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of the Dutch company Gasunie), along with Engie Energy Management Holding Switzerland AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of the French energy provider Engie), each hold a 9 per cent stake. Nord Stream's head office and operations centre are both in Zug, Switzerland.



Nord Stream

Secure gas supply for Europe

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.