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Press Release

Annual Maintenance Works of Nord Stream Pipeline Scheduled for July 2019

15 days of annual maintenance works are planned as part of long-term pipeline integrity management

Maintenance schedule has been closely coordinated and agreed with upstream and downstream partners

From 16 July to 30 July 2019, Nord Stream AG will temporarily shut down both lines of its gas pipeline system for routine maintenance works. The maintenance shutdown is part of the pipeline's annual inspection cycle and will take place for the seventh time.

The annual maintenance works are a key element of Nord Stream's long-term Pipeline Integrity Management Strategy. Mechanical components and automation systems are thoroughly tested to ensure reliable, safe and efficient functioning of the twin pipeline for the designed life span of at least 50 years.

"Throughout operations of the Nord Stream Pipeline, annual maintenance works ensure the safety, efficiency and reliability of the system. Since commissioning of both lines in 2012, Nord Stream has fulfilled all nominations and capacities, while operating in an environmentally sound way", Nord Stream AG's Managing Director Alexey Zaytsev says and adds: "These are the highest standards we aim to maintain throughout the whole operational phase of the pipeline system."

The schedule for these maintenance activities has been closely coordinated with Nord Stream's upstream and downstream partners well in advance and 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 “Nord Stream” through the Baltic Sea. Russian PJSC Gazprom holds a 51 per cent stake in the joint venture. Wintershall Dea Schweiz AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of Wintershall Dea GmbH, formerly Wintershall Holding GmbH) and PEG Infrastruktur AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of E.ON Beteiligungen GmbH) hold 15.5 per cent each, and Gasunie Infrastruktur AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of the Dutch company N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie), along with Engie Energy Management Holding Switzerland AG (wholly-owned subsidiary of the French energy provider Engie SA), 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 run in parallel through the Baltic Sea 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: During the project planning, the joint venture invested 100 million euros in the most comprehensive research of the Baltic Sea ever conducted. Nord Stream’s current environmental and socio-economic monitoring program investigates how the pipelines affect 16 factors such as water and air quality, birds, fish and fisheries, seabed flora, and cultural heritage, with approximately 1,000 locations along the entire route being checked regularly.