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Press Release

Nord Stream Pipeline Resumes Transmission After 2019 Maintenance Works are Fully Completed

Gas transmission via Nord Stream Pipeline resumed on 27 July 2019 after a temporary planned shutdown for maintenance works

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

Nord Stream AG has completed all planned maintenance works on the twin gas pipelines timely and in full. Between 16 July and 27 July 2019, all planned maintenance works on mechanical components, as well as testing of the automation system were carried out. After the temporary shutdown of the pipeline system, gas transmission resumed today and the full capacity of the pipeline is now available again to continue to fulfil all nominations.

Nord Stream AG's Maintenance Director Olivier Escola summarises the shutdown: "We have successfully completed the annual maintenance works of the Nord Stream Pipeline on 27 July 2019. Our Operations and Maintenance teams as well as external contractors planned the shutdown thoroughly to ensure the safe and timely inspection of the pipeline system. The annual maintenance shutdown is a major part of our long-term Pipeline Integrity Management Strategy to ensure safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to the EU."

The schedule for these maintenance activities has been closely coordinated with Nord Stream's upstream and downstream partners well in advance. The temporary shutdown of the pipeline 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 “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.