

Zug, Switzerland, 19 August 2019

## **Press Release**

## Nord Stream Transported 300 Billion Cubic Metres of Natural Gas to European Consumers

Pipeline utilisation of Nord Stream increased year by year until full capacity has been reached in 2018

The state-of-the-art twin offshore pipeline has fulfilled all nominations since commissioning in 2012

On 16 August 2019 Nord Stream AG has reached another milestone in its reliable supply of natural gas to European Consumers. To this day, more than 300 billion cubic metres (bcm) of natural gas have been safely delivered from Russia to the European Union through the Baltic Sea.

Natural gas plays a key role in the future of Europe's energy supply, supporting the role of renewables and the coal phase-out. Nord Stream constitutes a vital pillar of the secure energy supply to Europe.

Since start of operations of Line 1 in November 2011 and Line 2 in October 2012, Nord Stream has steadily increased the volume of transported gas year by year and reached the full pipeline capacity utilisation in 2018.

"By providing capacities for transporting natural gas to the EU, Nord Stream has proven to be a reliable part of European supply infrastructure and the European energy mix," says Konstantin Baskov, Technical Director, Nord Stream AG. "In light of energy transitions all over Europe, Nord Stream plays an important role to increase the security of supply and support renewables."

For further information, please contact:

Email: press@nord-stream.com

www.nord-stream.com



## 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.

www.nord-stream.com