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Press Release

Nord Stream 2 Selects Suppliers for Major Pipe Tender

[Zug, Switzerland – 11-Mar-16] Nord Stream 2 AG has finalised its international tender for the supply of high-quality steel pipes for two pipelines. The suppliers chosen to deliver approximately 2,500 km of large-diameter pipes with a total weight of roughly 2.2 million tons are **Europipe GmbH**, Mülheim/Germany (**40 %**), **United Metallurgical Company JSC (OMK)**, Moscow/Russia (**33 %**) and **Chelyabinsk Pipe-Rolling Plant JSC (Chelpipe)**, Chelyabinsk/Russia (**27 %**).

The decision made by Nord Stream 2 was based on key criteria for production capacities, quality, and commercial conditions in accordance with the company's stringent procurement guidelines. Contracts with suppliers are subject to final negotiations and will be signed in the coming weeks.

Deciding the tender now is a prerequisite for keeping the pipeline construction timeline with construction of both pipelines starting in 2018. Pipe deliveries are planned to start in September 2016.

About Nord Stream 2

Nord Stream 2 is a planned pipeline through the Baltic Sea, which will transport natural gas over 1,200 km from the world's largest gas reserves in Russia via the most efficient route to consumers in Europe. Nord Stream 2 will largely follow the route and design of the successful Nord Stream pipeline. With Europe's domestic gas production projected to halve in the next 20 years, Nord Stream 2's twin pipeline system will help Europe to meet its future gas import needs, with the capacity to transport 55 billion cubic metres of gas per year, enough to supply 26 million European households. This secure supply of natural gas with its low CO₂ emissions will also contribute to Europe's objective to have a more climate-friendly energy mix with gas substituting for coal in power generation and providing back-up for intermittent renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power.

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