

**Press Release**

## **Construction and Operation Permit for Nord Stream 2 Granted by Sweden**

- > Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation grants Nord Stream 2 construction and operation permit for 510 kilometres of the route stretching in the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone**
- > Preparatory works in the Swedish EEZ to begin in the coming months**

**[Stockholm, Sweden – 7-Jun-18]** Nord Stream 2 AG today obtained the permit to construct and operate its planned pipeline system in the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The 1,230-kilometres-long pipeline system will transport natural gas from Russia to the European Union. The permit was granted by the government, represented by the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, which is in charge of the application. The permit covers an approximately 510-kilometres-long route section in the Swedish EEZ.

“This is an important milestone for the Nord Stream 2 project. We are pleased to have obtained the Swedish government’s approval to construct and operate the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline,” said Lars O Grönstedt, Senior Advisor at Nord Stream 2. “We are now looking forward to continuing the productive cooperation and open dialogue with the Swedish authorities during the upcoming construction phase,” said Nicklas Andersson, Permitting Manager Sweden at Nord Stream 2. Preparatory seabed intervention works, such as pre-lay rock berms and concrete mattresses for cable crossings, will start at specific sections along the Swedish route in the coming months, while pipe laying in the Swedish EEZ is scheduled to start later this year.

Nord Stream 2 AG has already obtained the permits required for the construction and operation of the pipeline system in Germany and Finland. The national permitting procedures in the two remaining countries along the route – Russia and Denmark – are proceeding as planned.



**About Nord Stream 2**

Nord Stream 2 is a planned pipeline through the Baltic Sea, which will transport natural gas over some 1,230 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 technical concept of the successful Nord Stream Pipeline. The new pipeline will have 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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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