

## Press Release

# All Permits Necessary for Construction of the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline in Russia Received

- Russia's Federal Agency for the Supervision of Natural Resources Use grants Nord Stream 2 an offshore pipelay permit
- Scheduled works in Russia in line with the received permit are to be launched in 2018 as planned

**[Zug (Switzerland)/Moscow (Russia) – 14 August 2018]** Nord Stream 2 AG, the developer of a pipeline to supply Russian natural gas to the EU market through the Baltic Sea, today received a permit for the installation of an underwater pipeline in the territorial sea of the Russian Federation. The permit has been issued by Russia's Federal Agency for the Supervision of Natural Resources Use (Rosprirodnadzor) in accordance with the established procedure. The permit covers a section of approximately 114 kilometres in the Russian territorial sea. Practical implementation of the project under the terms of the newly issued permit will begin in the near future, taking into account environmental aspects and in line with the conclusion of the State Environmental Expert Review and the Water Use License.

The Ministry of Construction and Utilities previously issued a construction permit for the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline on the Russian territory. All the permits necessary for construction of the Russian section of the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline have now been received.

"We are glad to announce that the necessary construction permits in Russia have been granted, meaning that the Nord Stream 2 project is developing according to the planned schedule. We will further rely on collaboration with the countries involved to ensure the project is implemented in a timely and efficient manner," said Henning Kothe, Chief Project Officer at Nord Stream 2.

In addition to Russia, Germany, Finland and Sweden have granted all the permits necessary for construction of the planned pipeline within their jurisdictions. The national permitting procedure in Denmark is ongoing.



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### **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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