

Press Release

Pioneering Spirit to be temporarily employed for North Sea platform lift work

- > Temporary North Sea platform lift work agreed as part of the contract with Allseas**
- > Vessel will return to Nord Stream 2 project within one month**

[Zug, Switzerland – 01-Mar-19] The heavy lift and pipelay vessel Pioneering Spirit will temporarily lay down pipe in the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone to carry out a long term planned platform lift work in the North Sea. This third-party engagement was already stipulated in the contract with Allseas signed in April 2017. Pioneering Spirit will return to the Baltic Sea to continue laying the Nord Stream 2 pipeline within approximately one month. Another short demobilisation period for Pioneering Spirit is foreseen for later in 2019.

Nord Stream 2's Chief Project Officer Henning Kothe comments: "We have a complex, non-linear schedule for laying the twin Nord Stream 2 pipelines, taking into account the environmental requirements and using a large number of vessels for the implementation of various activities. Pipelay works are progressing well and according to schedule. Also the other construction works are on track to complete the twin pipelines by the end of 2019."

Over 1,000 people are currently working on some 20 vessels for the project in the Baltic Sea. Over 800 kilometres of pipes have so far been laid on the seabed, in line with the permits granted by Germany, Finland, Sweden and Russia.



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 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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