



Nord Stream 2

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Press Release

First Pipe Deliveries Start from the Pipe Mills

- > First pipes on route by rail to the coating plant in Kotka, Finland
- > Nord Stream 2 project proceeds as planned

[Zug, Switzerland – 22-Sep-16] OMK has today started its first delivery of high-quality steel pipes for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline from its mill in Vyksa, Russia. The pipes will be transported by rail to the coating plant in Kotka, Finland, arriving into the Port of HaminaKotka on 26 September.

Chelpipe, one of the three pipe suppliers selected by Nord Stream 2 AG, located in Chelyabinsk, Russia, will start its deliveries to the Kotka coating plant the following day. The train deliveries from both Russian pipe mills will include approximately 300 pipes each. Almost half of all pipes required to build the pipeline system will be coated in Kotka.

Pipe production at EUROPIPE GmbH's plant in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, will start in October, with its first pipes to the coating plant in Mukran, Germany, scheduled for early November, 2016.

Nord Stream 2's logistics follows the award-winning 'green logistics' concept successfully implemented by Nord Stream. It is based on low-emission means of transport with the shortest possible distances, and aims at an optimised delivery from the pipe mills to the coating plants, then on to the interim storage yards around the Baltic Sea and eventually to the pipe-lay vessel. The logistics hubs chosen along the coast of the Baltic Sea will have a maximum distance of 100 nautical miles (185 kilometres) to the planned pipeline route.

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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