

Press Release

EUROPIPE Delivers High-Quality Pipes for Nord Stream 2

- > **90,000 pipes will be produced in the pipe mill in Mülheim, securing a production workload for over 20 months**
- > **Pipe deliveries by rail to the island of Rügen, Germany, started in late October**

[Mülheim, Germany/Zug, Switzerland – 21-Nov-16] EUROPIPE GmbH is again the largest supplier of pipes for the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline, having secured the production of 90,000 out of a total of 200,000 high-quality large-diameter pipes. This production volume will be enough to ensure a solid workload for at least the next 20 months in the pipe mill in Mülheim. EUROPIPE will supply 1,134 km of pipes with an overall weight of 890,000 tonnes, or around 46 percent of the pipes required for the pipeline.

Salzgitter Mannesmann and Dillinger Hüttenwerke began with the mass production of steel plates at the end of August 2016. These are needed for the production of the pipes with a constant internal diameter of 1,153 mm. Before delivery, each pipe receives an internal coating to minimise friction, as well as an external coating consisting of three layers of polyethylene to prevent corrosion. The pipes meet the highest international quality standards and are certified by TÜV Nord.

Rail pipe deliveries from Mülheim to the logistics hub in Mukran, on the German island of Rügen, started at the end of October 2016. Over the coming weeks, 148 pipes will be delivered per day, transported by a train comprising of 37 wagons. Once they reach Mukran, the pipes will undergo concrete weight coating and be transported to the storage facility.

The Nord Stream 2 project is proceeding as planned. The contracts for pipe deliveries were awarded in April 2016, while those for pipe coating and logistics were signed in September. The start of concrete coating of the pipes is planned in spring 2017.

Photos



On 21 November 2016, Garrelt Duin, Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of North Rhine-Westphalia (right), Gerhard Schröder, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Nord Stream 2, and Matthias Warnig, Chief Executive Officer of Nord Stream 2, visited the Europipe pipe mill in Mülheim, Germany. During the tour, Dr. Andreas Liessem, Technical Managing Director of Europipe (at the front), explained details of the production of large-diameter pipes for Nord Stream 2.



On 21 November 2016, after a tour of the Europipe pipe mill in Mülheim, Germany, Gerhard Schröder, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Nord Stream 2, and Matthias Warnig, Chief Executive Officer of Nord Stream 2, signed one of the large-diameter pipes which are produced here for Nord Stream 2.

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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