

Press Release

Concrete Weight Coating Begins on Rügen for Nord Stream 2 Pipes

- > Wasco has started concrete weight coating pipes at its facility on the German island of Rügen
- > Following the successful completion of the Nord Stream Pipeline, Mukran is once again the German logistics centre for pipeline construction
- > 250 employees are engaged in concrete weight coating and logistics work in Mukran

[Zug (Switzerland) – July 13, 2017]. Nord Stream 2 contractor Wasco Coatings Germany has begun concrete weight coating pipes for the project in the port of Mukran on the Baltic Sea island of Rügen. Up to 90,000 pipes will be coated by the end of 2018 at the location, which is once again the logistics hub for pipeline construction after filling that role for the existing Nord Stream Pipeline. Currently 39,000 pipes are already at a specially prepared storage area after being transported there from the Europipe factory in Mülheim an der Ruhr beginning in October 2016.

Since contractually taking over the existing facility in Mukran in February 2017, Wasco has been intensively engaged in preparing for the start of production. Following factory optimisation and strict prequalifying tests, the company has now given the green light for production.

Some 250 Wasco employees are engaged in concrete weight coating and logistics support in Mukran, where a portion of the finished pipes will be kept at an interim storage facility. The remainder of the finished pipes will be transported for storage in the Swedish port of Karlshamn. When construction begins in 2018, the pipes will be transported by the shortest route possible to the pipe-laying vessels.

In addition to Mukran, Germany, and Karlshamn, Sweden, Wasco is also using the Finnish ports of Kotka and Hanko as logistics hubs. Concrete weight coating already began in Kotka at the end of March this year.

With this latest news, the Nord Stream 2 project continues to move forward on schedule.

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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