

Press Release

First Pipes for Nord Stream 2 Arrive in Mukran

- > Pipes delivered by rail to the logistics hub in Mukran, Germany
- > Nord Stream 2 project proceeds as planned

[Zug, Switzerland – 27-Oct-16] The first pipes for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline were delivered by rail today to the German logistics hub in Mukran, on the island of Rügen. The pipes are produced by EUROPIPE GmbH in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, and are transported entirely by rail to the Port of Mukran. Over the coming weeks, 148 pipes will be delivered to Mukran per day, transported by a train comprising 37 wagons. Each pipe is approximately 12 metres long and weighs about 24 tonnes.

Wasco Coatings Europe BV will be responsible for the concrete weight coating and logistics services during the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. The company plans to employ about 150 people in the concrete coating facility in Mukran for the duration of the project. The works are planned to commence in the spring of 2017 and will involve the coating and storage of up to 90,000 pipes. The logistics services include the storage of pipes as well as transport to and within storage yards.

Deliveries from the pipe mills of Russian suppliers Chelpipe and OMK to the Port of Kotka, Finland, already started at the end of September 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 vessels. 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



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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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