

## Press Release

# German Application for Nord Stream 2 Available for Public Consultation after Easter

- > Documents will be available in public offices as of April 18, 2017
- > Over 80 public bodies directly involved in the process
- > Approximately 6,000 pages of documentation for the 85 km-long German segment of the pipeline

**[Zug, Switzerland – 6-Apr-17]** The application documents for the construction and operation of the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline in the 85 km-long German segment will be available for public consultation at several locations in the state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania starting from April 18, 2017. The full documentation will be accessible for review and comments by the general public until May 17, 2017 in the offices of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) in Hamburg and Rostock, the Stralsund Mining Authority, and the administrative offices of Bergen auf Rügen, Lubmin, Mönchgut-Granitz, Usedom-Nord, Anklam-Land and the city of Putbus.

“The availability of the documents for public review marks the start of the public consultation phase, which is a key component of the permitting process for the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline,” said Jens Lange, Permitting Manager Germany at Nord Stream 2 AG. “Our plans build on the extensive experience and significant monitoring results gathered with the existing Nord Stream project.”

The legal framework for the permitting process includes the German Energy Industry Act (Energiewirtschaftsgesetz – EnWG), which applies to Germany’s territorial waters, as well as the Federal Mining Act (Bundesberggesetz – BBergG), which applies to the German exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) is responsible for carrying out the permitting procedure in the German EEZ, while the Stralsund Mining Authority oversees the procedure in German territorial waters and the landfall area of the pipeline in Lubmin. Together, these authorities will directly involve over 80 public bodies in the process.

The results of the extensive environmental surveys and planning are an important part of the 6,000-page application materials. These documents include a general proposal, an assessment of alternatives, a technical explanatory report, an environmental impact analysis, a flora-fauna-habitat impact study, a legal biotope protection assessment, an expert paper on species protection regulation, an accompanying conservation plan and expert papers on the Water



and Marine Strategy Directives, as well as documentation volumes and application papers.

In addition to the application documents for the national permitting procedure, Nord Stream 2 published a transboundary environmental report (Espoo Report) as part of the international consultation process. The German national permitting process and the international consultations on the project's potential transboundary impacts will run in parallel. The Espoo Report will also be made available for public review and comment as of April 18, 2017.

Nord Stream 2 requires permits from Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. The permitting procedure in Sweden started in September 2016. In the remaining countries, the applications have been or will be submitted in accordance with the respective national legislation and timelines.

**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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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. [www.nord-stream2.com](http://www.nord-stream2.com)

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