Gas Interconnection Poland – Lithuania (the GIPL Project): works conducted on the Polish side

GAZ-SYSTEM informs that during the implementation of the Gas Interconnection Poland – Lithuania (the GIPL Project), several technical issues which may significantly impact the completion of that Project within the anticipated time frame have been encountered. Taking the above into consideration as well as the significance of the project itself, GAZ-SYSTEM has proposed the new routing of the pipeline on the Polish side. The new routing of the pipeline addresses the same goals as the original routing and does not affect the technical parameters of the project on the Lithuanian side, says Tomasz Stepien, the President of the Management Board of GAZ SYSTEM. The modification of the technical assumptions on the Polish side is neutral to the project scope on the Lithuanian part and does not affect the location of the cross-border interconnection point, which remains unchanged.

The Company expects that the new approach to the GIPL Project will strengthen the technical aspects of the project and will secure its implementation in the years to follow. At present, GAZ-SYSTEM is preparing the Technical Feasibility Study for the new routing of the pipeline that should be ready by mid-2017.

GAZ-SYSTEM remains committed to implement the GIPL Project. The implementation of the GIPL Project has been recognized as one of the most important infrastructure investments in the EU. It will provide the security of supply to the Baltic Region and is of a crucial importance to finish the isolation of the Baltic States and integrate regional gas market. The fact that GIPL has been identified as a project of common interest (PCI) emphasizes its significant role in improvement of security of gas supplies to the Baltic States as well as the development of a competitive gas market, GAZ-SYSTEM is dedicated to the completion of the GIPL Project as soon as possible.

GAZ-SYSTEM plays a strategic role in the Polish economy. We are responsible for natural gas transmission and operate the most important gas pipelines in Poland. As part of the 2015-2025 investment programme, GAZ-SYSTEM plans to build over 2000 km of new gas pipelines in western, southern and eastern parts of Poland. Further development of the national transmission network, including the construction of new gas pipelines making part of the North-South Gas Corridor, as well as the construction of interconnections with the neighbouring countries, will strengthen Poland’s energy security and make an important contribution to the development of the European transmission system.

The Company is implementing one of the most important infrastructural projects in Poland – the Baltic Pipe project, which consists in the construction of a bidirectional offshore gas pipeline connecting Poland and Denmark and the expansion of the local transmission network.

GAZ-SYSTEM also owns Polskie LNG, the operator of the President Lech Kaczyński’s LNG Terminal in Świnoujście.

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