

First environmental decision for an investment within the Baltic Pipe project

On 4 February 2019, the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Gorzów Wielkopolski issued a decision on environmental conditions for the project under implementation by GAZ-SYSTEM "Construction of the Goleniów - Lwówek DN1000 gas pipeline". This is one of the five investments planned within the Baltic Pipe project in Poland.

The pipeline will be approximately 191 km long, its nominal diameter will be 1000 mm and its operating pressure 8.4 MPa. It will be constructed along currently existing gas pipeline Szczecin - Lwówek located in three provinces: Zachodniopomorskie, Lubuskie and Wielkopolskie, and will cover 15 communes: Goleniów, Maszewo, Stargard, Dolice, Przelewice, Pełczyce, Strzelce Kraje skie, Zwierzyn, Santok, Deszczno, Skwierzyna, Przytoczna, Pszczew, Mi dzychód and Lwówek.

The planned gas pipeline will ultimately be divided into two implementation sections:

- Section 1: Goleniów-Ciecierzycze, approximately 122 km long,
- Section 2: Ciecierzycze-Lwówek, approximately 69 km long,

The purpose of this investment is to increase the volume of gas offtake from the Baltic Pipe submarine gas pipeline and the LNG Terminal in winouj cie. Its implementation will constitute an important element of the North-South Gas Corridor in Europe.

The Baltic Pipe project is recognised by the European Commission as a "Project of Common Interest" (PCI). This status is granted to infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening the European internal energy market, which pursue the objectives of EU's energy policy that involve providing affordable, secure and renewable energy. The Baltic Pipe project is included in all existing PCI lists adopted in 2013, 2015 and 2017, respectively.

Baltic Pipe is a strategic project aimed at creating a new gas supply corridor in the European market. For the first time in history, it will make it possible to transport gas directly from deposits located in Norway to the markets in Denmark and Poland, as well as to customers in neighbouring countries.

The main objectives of the project include strengthening the diversification of supplies, integrating the gas market, price uniformity as well as security of supply primarily in Poland and Denmark, as well as in Central and Eastern Europe and in the Baltic Sea region.

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 Kaczy ski's LNG Terminal in winouj cie.

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