

## Baltic Pipe – Ramboll will design offshore gas pipeline from Denmark to Poland

**On 3 August 2017, GAZ-SYSTEM concluded a contract with Ramboll Danmark A/S for execution of the analytical, survey and design work necessary for securing the requisite building permits for construction of the Baltic Pipe offshore gas pipeline.**

The scope of work covers geophysical, geotechnical and environmental surveys with the securing of requisite building permits for construction of the offshore pipeline. Ramboll Danmark A/S will also be responsible for developing legally required procedures, approvals and consultations. Furthermore, it will prepare detailed design and procurement documentation enabling commencement and pursuit of construction work.

“Our priority is timely and efficient construction of the offshore pipeline. We hope that our collaboration to date and the contractor’s know-how will contribute to successful completion of the entire undertaking. The initial geophysical and environmental surveys in the Baltic Sea are scheduled to commence already in August. They will allow us to determine the exact route of the gas pipeline,” says Tomasz St pie , President of the Management Board of GAZ-SYSTEM.

The pipeline running from Denmark to Poland on the bottom of the Baltic Sea is one of the five elements enabling connection of the Polish transmission system to the deposits on the Norwegian shelf in the North Sea. The remaining elements of the project include the complex pipeline from the Norwegian system in the North Sea to the Danish tie-in, expansion of the existing transmission capacity in the Danish onshore system, construction of the Zealand compressor station in Denmark and expansion of the Polish transmission system.

The first phase of the 2017 Open Season Procedure, completed on 25 July 2017, confirmed sufficient market interest for gas transmission from the North Sea via Denmark and the Baltic Sea to Poland. On that basis, natural gas operators of the Danish and Polish transmission systems, Energinet and GAZ-SYSTEM, decided to continue their efforts to bring the Baltic Pipe project to a successful conclusion. At the start of September, the second phase of the 2017 Open Season Procedure will commence enabling the submission of binding bids for new transmission capacity within the framework of the planned project. The Baltic Pipe project was included in the first list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI), drawn up by the European Commission in 2013, and in the subsequent list adopted by the European Commission on 18 November 2015.

In 2015, the Baltic Pipe project received a subsidy from the European Union under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) of EUR 0.4 million for the initial work. These funds were used by GAZ-SYSTEM and Energinet.dk to prepare the feasibility study.

*GAZ-SYSTEM is a strategic company for the Polish economy. It is responsible for the transmission of natural gas, manages the most important gas pipelines in Poland and owns the President Lech Kaczy ski LNG Terminal in winouj cie.*

*As part of the 2015-2025 investment programme, GAZ-SYSTEM is constructing over 2000 km of new gas pipelines in the western, southern and eastern parts of Poland. Over a dozen new gas pipelines are under construction within the North-South Gas Corridor and the compressor station in K dzierzyn Ko le, as well as interconnections with Lithuania and Slovakia. Onshore gas pipelines are planned to connect the planned FSRU floating terminal in the Gulf of Gdansk with the national transmission system. The LNG Terminal in winouj cie is also being extended, as a result of which the regasification capacity of this facility will be increased by more than a half.*

*The company is also implementing one of the most important infrastructural projects in the country - the Baltic Pipe project which consists in the construction of a two-way offshore gas pipeline connecting Poland and Denmark, expansion of the local transmission network and three gas compressor stations.*

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