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PRESS RELEASE

## **GAZ-SYSTEM SA to launch the design work for new pipelines**

**Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. is about to launch the development of high-pressure 700mm gas pipelines with the operating pressure of 8.4 MPa and a total length of 120 km, embracing the Warsaw agglomeration.**

The project includes:

- the construction of a gas pipeline from Rembelszczyzna to Mory (ca. 29 km);
- the construction of a gas pipeline from Mory to Wola Karczewska (ca. 91 km).

The contractor responsible for the project design and implementation and exercising the author's supervision has been selected in a public tender procedure. The agreement to draw up the design and the construction project was concluded on 30 December 2014 with ILF Consulting Engineers Polska Sp. z o.o. as a party.

The contractor is obliged to obtain the decisions on environmental conditions and project location as well as securing a building permit. The design documentation is expected to be completed and the building permit obtained in 2017.

The investment aims to improve the security of gas supplies to customers outside the Warsaw metropolitan area and across the Warsaw region.

*"In response to the increasing demand for natural gas in the Warsaw agglomeration, it is necessary to extend the system of gas transmission pipelines in the area. Once completed, the new transmission grid will attract new customers from the energy sector and will secure the needs of the growing gas demand in the vicinity of the capital city,"* **says Jakub Stypuła, Director of Investment Division, GAZ-SYSTEM SA.**

### **The Investment Programme 2015-2023**

The pipelines around the Warsaw agglomeration are part of the greater investment plan of GAZ-SYSTEM SA within the EU-endorsed the North-South Gas Corridor that will allow the full integration of the transmission infrastructure in this part of Europe. With this end in view, GAZ-SYSTEM SA aspires to develop around 2,000 km of new gas pipelines in western, southern, and eastern Poland over the years 2015-2023. This plan also allows for the construction of new pipeline connections to other EU states (e.g. Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania).

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Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. is a company of strategic importance for the Polish economy, responsible for the transmission of natural gas and the management of the main transmission grid in Poland. Between 2009 and 2014, GAZ-SYSTEM SA implemented an investment plan covering the construction of more than 1,200 km of new gas transmission pipelines. The most significant projects of this kind were completed in north-west and central Poland. The expansion of the gas pipeline network is seen as a major step in the development of the North-South Gas Corridor integrating the natural gas markets in Central Europe. The projects closed by GAZ-SYSTEM SA and the virtual reverse flow services for the Yamal pipeline have led to a significant improvement of Poland's energy security by enhancing the technical import capabilities from directions other than the east of up to 90% of performed imports (before 2011 it was 9%).

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