Dear Partners,

Please be advised that the auctions regarding the bundled capacities offered at the interconnection points:

- Negru Vodă 1 BG>RO (EIC code: 21Z00000000159I, GMOIS code: PM0291)
- Negru Vodă 1 RO>BG (EIC code: 21Z00000000159I, GMOIS code: SM1278D0)

for the firm quarterly capacity for the 3rd quarter and 4th guarter of the gas year 2022/2023, have been registered at the Regional Booking Platform (RBP).

The auction publications regarding the offered capacities are available on the RBP Portal.

The Network Users will be entitled to participate in the auction if:

A. they completed the registration in the RBP application. Details on the RBP registration may be found at the public website of the application at: https://ipnew.rbp.eu/RBP.eu/#register. The registration of a Network User in the RBP application is conditional on the prior conclusion of a Network User membership agreement for the usage of the Regional Booking Platform between the Network User and the operator of the application, meaning FGSZ Ltd.

and if, till 10:00 a.m. (UTC), on Tuesday, 31 January 2023:

- B. they fulfilled the conditions established in <u>ANRE Order No. 130/24.06.2020 on measures for transmission capacity booking at the interconnection points between the Romanian Gas Transmission Systems and the Gas Transmission Systems of EU Member States neighbouring Romania;</u>
- C. they submitted the auction participation guarantee at Transgaz.

The firm capacity available in IP Negru Voda 1/Kardam, on the exit direction is offered on the RBP platform, in simultaneous auctions, with two different types of capacity, according to the provisions of <u>ANRE Order no.</u> 80/2022 on the amendment and supplement of some orders of the President of the National Energy Regulatory Authority, in the natural gas sector, namely:

- firm capacity with access to the Romanian Virtual Trading Point (VTP), and
- firm capacity without access to the VTP, subject to the same NU booking a capacity, at least equal in IP Isaccea 1, in the entry direction into Romania.

The entire available firm capacity offered in IP Negru Voda 1/Kardam on the entry direction is with access to the VTP.

The firm bundled capacity auctions will start on **06.02.2023** at 08.00 (UTC), which shall mean 09.00 o'clock in Hungary (CET) and 10.00 o'clock in Romania and Bulgaria (EET). In an auction the Network Users may submit bids for the required capacity in subsequent auction rounds applying pre-determined price steps (ascending clock auction). Additional information regarding the auction process may be found in the <u>Operational Rules of the Regional Booking Platform (PRRC)</u> and in the <u>User Manual for the Bidder Role</u>.

The winning Network Users have the obligation to pay the capacity booking fee related to the obtained capacity, any auction premium calculated following the performance of the auction, and, if applicable, the commodity fee for the transmitted gas quantity.

For further clarifications regarding the auctions, please do not hesitate to contact us at support@rbp.eu (English) or at rbp@transgaz.ro.

Yours sincerely,