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RELEASE

on Transgaz' obtaining the right to commence the works related to the BRUA pipeline Phase I

The National Gas Transmission Company Transgaz SA informs that, today, the Ministry of Energy, as competent authority for energy infrastructure projects of common interest, issued the **Comprehensive Decision no.1 /21.03.2018 for the Project of Common Interest:**

" The development of the Romanian gas transmission system along Bulgaria – Romania – Hungary – Austria route –Podișor pipeline – Horia GMS and three new gas compressor stations (Jupa, Bibești and Podișor) (phase 1)", including power supply, cathodic protection and fiber optic: 479 km long gas transmission pipeline from Podișor to Recaș, Podișor Gas compressor station, Bibești Gas compressor station, Jupa Gas compressor station, construction sites and Pipe Yards."

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013 - the comprehensive decision is the decision or all of the decisions taken by an authority or authorities of Member States, except for the courts of justice, which determines whether a project initiator is granted or not the authorization to carry out the project.

By the issue of the Exhaustive Decision, it is ascertained that the entire authorization process necessary to carry out a project of common interest was carried out, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013 and the national legislation in force.

Taking into account the consistent and entire completion of the authorization process necessary for the implementation of the project of common interest, of the process of public consultation and participation as well as the issuance of the Comprehensive Decision, SNTGN Transgaz SA as the initiator of the BRUA Project obtained the right to effectively initiate the works for the construction of the gas pipeline, which according to the estimated development schedule of the BRUA Project is due to complete Phase I in the end of 2019.

The pipeline route follows the general direction from South East to West, crossing the counties of: Giurgiu, Teleorman, Dâmbovița, Argeș, Olt, Vâlcea, Gorj, Hunedoara, Caras-Severin and Timiș.

Along the route of the pipeline, 38 section valves stations will be constructed, of which 33 on the pipeline and 5 in the gas compressor stations, as well as 18 cathodic protection stations.

The construction of a new European gas transmission corridor that will connect Bulgaria with Austria through Romania and Hungary (BRUA) will increase the security of gas supply in Europe and will reduce energy dependence at European and regional level, thus allowing for the diversification of gas supply routes.

The National Gas Transmission Company Transgaz SA Romania is the technical operator of the National Gas Transmission System (NTS) ensuring the meeting of the national strategic goals for domestic and international gas transmission in conditions of efficiency, transparency, safety, non-discriminatory access and competitiveness, as well as the research and design in its specific domain of activity, compliance with the European and national laws, the quality, performance, environmental protection and sustainable development standards.

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