

Market Survey shows huge demand for Nabucco capacities

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- *In preparation of the Open Season Process the Nabucco Gas Pipeline International GmbH undertook an actual market survey amongst potential shippers on a non binding basis last month.*
- *Nabucco capacities are more than 100 Percent overbooked by potential shippers from day one in 2013 on a long term basis.*
- *Strong request for transport of natural gas from various gas sources in Central Asia and Middle East*
- *Open Season Process will start, when the legal framework - Exemption Process and Intergovernmental Agreement - is finally established.*

August 18th, 2008: Reinhard Mitschek, Managing Director of Nabucco Gas Pipeline International GmbH stated: "This result is a strong positive signal from the European gas market and potential shippers to Nabucco. More than 100 Percent overbooking from day one in 2013 shows huge demand for the provided Nabucco capacities on a strong growing gas market."

The current market sounding last month addressed potential shippers to deliver their interests in Nabucco capacities on a non binding basis. So far Nabucco Gas Pipeline International GmbH has already signed various Letters of Interests with potential shippers. The result of the recent market survey underlines this interest.

"The Open Season Process itself will start after the legal framework for Nabucco - Exemption Process and Intergovernmental Agreement - is finally established. This is an important prerequisite for the project", said Mitschek.

Pioneer project for securing Europe's gas supply

The Nabucco project is one of Europe's most important energy infrastructure projects to strengthen Europe's security of supply for natural gas, as it contributes substantially to diversifying existing supply routes. The 3,300 km long pipeline connects the large gas deposits in the Caspian region, the Middle East and Egypt with Europe. The investment costs will amount to approximately EUR 7.9 bn. When completed, the pipeline's annual

capacity will be 31 bcm. Shareholders nowadays are OMV, MOL, Transgaz, Bulgargaz Holding, BOTAS and RWE.

Notes to editors:

OMV Gas & Power GmbH

OMV Gas & Power is OMV's central company for the gas and power business. OMV Gas & Power with the business units Gas Supply, Marketing & Trading (with the subsidiaries EconGas and Petrom's gas activities), Gas Logistics (with the subsidiaries OMV Gas, Nabucco Gas Pipeline International GmbH, Adria LNG) and the Central European Gas Hub is one of the leading gas trading and logistics companies in Central Europe. The establishment of the newly set up business unit Power (with the subsidiary OMV Power International) is a result from the entry into the power business and the consequent expansion of the value chain. In the business unit Gas Supply, Marketing & Trading in 2007 OMV and EconGas sold 7.8 bcm, Petrom sold 5.3 bcm. Via Baumgarten, one of the most important turntables for gas in Europe approximately 64 bcm gas is transported annually. In addition to supplying gas for Austria, the pipelines carry gas to Germany, Italy, France, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary. OMV is therefore an important component of Europe's gas network, and thus a central gas turntable for Europe. With an exchanged volume of 17.7 bcm in 2007, the Central European Gas Hub developed into one of the three most important gas platforms in continental Europe.

MOL

MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Company is a leading integrated oil and gas group in Central and Eastern Europe with EBITDA of USD 2.8 bn in 2007, corresponding to 19 % ROACE on an after tax basis. Starting with Exploration and Production of crude and natural gas the core activities of MOL cover the whole value chain: MOL also engages in refining, transportation, storage and distribution of crude oil as well as in importation, transportation, storage and wholesale trading of natural gas and other gas products. MOL is market leader in each of its core activities in Hungary and Slovakia. MOL's main objective is to provide superior levels of shareholder return by fully exploiting its market potential, by implementing a dynamic development and expansion strategy and by realising where possible the potential for further internal efficiency improvements.

TRANSGAZ

The Romanian National Gas Transmission Company Transgaz, with its headquarters in Medias, has been established in April 2000, as a result of a legal unbundling of the former vertically integrated national gas company Romgaz. The registered capital of Transgaz is owned 75 % by the Romanian state, represented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance, 15 % by the Proprietatea Fund and 10 % was listed on the Romanian stock exchange on January 2008. The main object of activity is the natural gas transmission, dispatching and international transit, as well as research and design in the natural gas transmission field. Over the last four years, through the National Transmission System natural gas quantities between 16 bcm (2003) and 15.2 bcm (2006) have been transported. Currently Transgaz operates over 12,500 km of pipelines. The turnover of the company for the year 2006 was EUR 268.8 million.

BULGARGAZ Holding

Bulgargaz Holding EAD (former Bulgargaz EAD) is a sole owner joint-stock company with a 100 % Bulgarian state ownership. The Holding is managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of 5 members and represented by Chief Executive Officer. The structure of Bulgargaz Holding EAD includes three subsidiaries: Bulgartransgaz EAD, Bulgargaz EAD, BulgarTel EAD, the capital of which is 100 % owned by the Holding: Bulgartransgaz EAD is the proprietor and operator of the gas-transmission network on the territory of the country, including also an underground gas storage. The total length of the main gas pipelines are over 2,645 km including the national gas transmission network comprising over 1,700 km of gas pipelines, 10 compressor stations and 68 gas pressure-reduction stations. Bulgartransgaz EAD is also a proprietor and operator of the transit network for transmission of natural gas to Turkey, Greece and Macedonia. A total of 17,1 million m³ of natural gas were transited to the countries of the Balkan region.

BOTAS

The Turkish state owned company Botas is established in 1974 to transport the Iraqi crude oil to the Gulf of Iskenderun. With its headquarter in Ankara and some 2,700 employees, Botas is organized throughout Turkey to operate crude oil and natural gas systems efficiently. Botas operates around 10,000 kms of gas pipeline within the country that will reach to some 12,000 in a couple of years with the completion of construction works. After the completion of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) Crude Oil Pipeline, the total oil pipeline system operated by Botas reached to 3,400 kms. Existing transportation capacity of 80.2 million tons of oil would reach 130.2 million tons per year through the operation of BTC. Being also a trader of natural gas, through 8 separate sales-purchase contracts with companies from 6 different countries, Botas imported and sold some 35 billion m³ natural gas in 2007, 5.5 billion m³ of this amount being LNG.

RWE AG

Since its foundation in 1898, Germany's RWE Group has developed into one of Europe's leading electricity and gas companies. In fiscal year 2006, the Group's 69,000 staff members generated some €44 billion in revenue. RWE's primary gas and power generation, sales and trading markets are in Germany, the UK and Central Eastern Europe. RWE Supply & Trading GmbH unites RWE's successful wholesale trading activities with the long-term gas procurement, structuring and optimisation business. Thus RWE Supply & Trading GmbH is responsible for the economic optimisation of the entire non-regulated gas business of the RWE Group with respect to acquisition, transport and storage. In order to fulfil this goal, the company is engaging in pipeline projects and intensifying its business relationships with pipeline gas suppliers as well as with LNG suppliers. The RWE Group handles a 40 bcm/a supply portfolio in Europe, operates gas pipelines of more than 100,000 km in length and gas storages with a capacity of 6.1 bcm. 10 million gas customers and 20 million electricity customers and rely on RWE.

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