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SEVERNEFTEGAZPROM PRODUCED 300 BILLION CUBIC METRES OF NATURAL GAS

- The joint venture between Gazprom, Wintershall Dea and OMV reaches an important milestone
- The Yuzhno-Russkoye field is a significant pillar of European energy security
- Innovative solutions and pioneering spirit are key to successful development of challenging formations

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Krasnoselkup/Kassel. Severneftegazprom, a joint venture between Gazprom, Wintershall Dea and OMV, is celebrating an impressive milestone: 300 billion cubic metres of natural gas have been produced from the Yuzhno-Russkoye field in the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Region in Russia since production started in 2007. With the annual output of 25 billion cubic metres of natural gas, Yuzhno-Russkoye provides the resource base for gas deliveries to Europe via the Nord Stream pipeline and is the largest field in Wintershall Dea's portfolio in terms of production.

"With 300 billion cubic metres of natural gas, we are hitting a mark to be proud of: This is a very significant gas volume that could cover the total German gas demand for more than three years. Being responsible for the development of the Yuzhno-Russkoye field, which provides European households with reliable, cost-efficient and environmentally friendly supplies of natural gas, Severneftegazprom plays an important role in

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ensuring the energy security in Europe and is truly exemplary in respect to its contribution to European-Russian energy cooperation,” says Thilo Wieland, Member of the Board at Wintershall Dea responsible for Russia and the midstream business of the company.

Following the start of production from the Cenomanian layer in 2007, Severneftegazprom achieved plateau production in 2009 and began operating the first test wells in the Turonian strata in 2011. The company has been commended as an industry pioneer, having been the first in Russia to develop the hard-to-recover reserves of the complex Turonian formation, which required a unique technological approach. In October 2019, the joint venture produced the first billion cubic metres of Turonian gas. Over 120 new wells will be drilled in the Yuzhno-Russkoye license area between 2020 and 2033 as part of the production start-up from the Turonian formation, with the aim to maintain the plateau production at the field.

The company is committed to high environmental and technical standards in all its operations which, together with the large production volumes and the excellence in research and development, bring Severneftegazprom to the forefront of the upstream industry in Russia. “Looking back on the past 22 years and the 300 billion cubic metres of natural gas that we have produced here, you can see that it is our company’s dedication to searching for innovative solutions and opening up new vistas as well as the fruitful cooperation with the partners that



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have been the driving force behind the highly successful operational and financial performance of Severneftegazprom," says Vladimir Dmitruk, General Director of Severneftegazprom.

Harnessing the potential of digitisation in gas production, Severneftegazprom is currently developing the "Digital Twin of the Geological-Technological Model" project aimed at more effective and efficient development of the Cenomanian and Turonian formations. "With the "Digital Twin" project, we are writing the next chapter in the implementation of cutting-edge technological solutions at our company. By reducing operating costs and increasing reliability and production efficiency, it will take our company's already successful performance to the next level", explains Angelos Calogirou, Deputy General Director for Development and Strategic Planning of Severneftegazprom. For Wintershall Dea, this is the third "Digital Twin" project in its portfolio, following Mittelplate and Brage, two offshore oil production platforms in the German and Norwegian sections of the North Sea, respectively.

About Wintershall Dea

Wintershall Dea is Europe's leading independent natural gas and oil company with more than 120 years of experience as an operator and project partner along the entire E&P value chain. The company with German roots and headquarters in Kassel and Hamburg explores for and produces gas and oil in 13 countries worldwide in an efficient and responsible manner. With activities in Europe, Russia, Latin America and the MENA region (Middle East & North Africa), Wintershall Dea has a global



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upstream portfolio and, with its participation in natural gas transport, is also active in the midstream business.

Wintershall Dea was formed from the merger of Wintershall Holding GmbH and DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG, in 2019. Today, the company employs around 2,800 people worldwide from over 60 nations.

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