



Press release

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TENP III reaches milestone

Final weld marks completion of Hugelheim-to-Husingen pipeline section

The Trans Europa Naturgas Pipeline (TENP) has reached an important milestone: the last weld in the Hugelheim-to-Husingen section, also known as the "golden weld", has been completed. This weld holds particular significance as it marks the end of a major stage of the construction project. The remaining work will now be completed by the end of the year, after which the recultivation of the affected areas can begin.

Work on the Hugelheim-to-Husingen section, which forms the final section of TENP III, has been underway since February 2024. Martin Hohner, Open Grid Europe's technical project manager, said: "The completion of the last weld is an important step for TENP and future energy supply in the region. The excellent work and close cooperation on site have been key factors in this success."

Background to the work on TENP

The work was necessary to replace existing parts of the TENP I pipeline string and ensure security of supply. TENP is one of the most important European pipeline systems for the supply of natural gas, running over 500 kilometres from the German-Dutch border to the Swiss border. Around 93 percent of the pipeline was replaced in the same corridor to minimise the impact on the landscape. The new pipeline is a major contributor to the region's future energy supply. TENP is managed by Open Grid Europe GmbH (OGE) and Fluxys TENP GmbH.

Good cooperation with the Lorrach district authorities

Cooperation with the district of Lorrach also deserves special mention as it has been extremely smooth. "We would like to thank the district of Lorrach for their excellent support throughout this process. This support has been crucial to the running of this construction project," added Martin Hohner. Close collaboration with local authorities and municipalities helped to ensure the efficient execution of the construction schedule without major delays.

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The 'golden weld': a symbol of precision and quality

The 'golden weld' reflects the hard work and commitment of the people on site. It symbolises precision and quality, which are always at the forefront of construction activities. The completion of the final weld is not only an impressive technical achievement, but also a sign that the project is on the home straight. This success was made possible by the high level of commitment and expertise of the employees.

About TENP

The owner of the pipeline is Trans Europa Naturgas Pipeline GmbH & Co. KG (TENP GmbH & Co. KG, abbreviated TENP), in which Open Grid Europe GmbH (OGE) holds a 51% stake and Fluxys TENP GmbH a 49% stake. The transmission capacities of the TENP system are marketed by OGE and Fluxys TENP, with OGE also acting as the technical operator.

About OGE

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About Fluxys TENP GmbH

Fluxys TENP GmbH markets around 64% of the TENP transmission capacities. Through its sister company Fluxys Deutschland GmbH, it is also involved in the NEL, EUGAL and OAL pipeline systems. Fluxys TENP is wholly owned by the Belgian Fluxys Group, an independent energy infrastructure company which operates gas transmission and storage infrastructure as well as LNG terminals. Fluxys is committed to promoting the use of renewable energy and aims to be a key infrastructure partner in accelerating the energy transition. Fluxys makes a significant contribution to European security of supply and will drive decarbonisation through the transport of hydrogen, biomethane and other climate-neutral energy sources as well as captured CO₂. For more information about the company, go to www.fluxys.com.