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PRESS RELEASE

ALPINE lands GAZELLE pipeline project, an important European energy project

- **GAZELLE gas pipeline over a length of 105.8 km**
- **Contract for EUR 76.7 million**
- **Reliable gas supply from Europe**

Salzburg: ALPINE Bau GmbH lands two sections of the contract to expand the GAZELLE pipeline in the Czech Republic together with its Belgian joint venture partner, DENYS, taking a leading role in the implementation of one of Europe's most significant energy projects. The national Net4Gas s.r.o. is the client. "This project allows us to ensure the technical infrastructure in the Czech Republic for an uninterrupted supply of gas," declared Roman Esterbauer, member of the management at ALPINE Bau GmbH. The contract value is EUR 76.7 million. The two pipeline sections have a length of 52.4 and 53.4 kilometers (total length 105.8 kilometers) and are part of the line connecting the northwestern Czech Republic with the OPAL pipeline in southern Germany. The pipeline will have a total length of 142 kilometers upon completion and will cross the Czech Republic from north to south.

The pipeline

The GAZELLE pipeline is a new transport line for Russian gas designed to ensure the reliability of gas supplies to the European Union. The GAZELLE pipeline will be part of the so-called "northern transport route" carrying natural gas from the previously untapped source in the province of Tyumen Oblast to Europe. This contract will expand the North Stream and OPAL pipelines conveying gas from Russia through the Baltic Sea to Germany and then on to the Czech border.

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