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Gazprom and Wintershall Dea begin production from Block 5A of the Urengoyskoye field as part of comprehensive testing

Achim Development, a joint venture of Gazprom and Wintershall Dea, has started gas and gas condensate production from the Achimov formations in Block 5A of the Urengoyskoye field within the framework of comprehensive testing (hot commissioning) of the project equipment.

Earlier in January 2021, hydrocarbon production began in the Achimov formations of Block 4A of the Urengoyskoye field.

Currently, both blocks – 4A and 5A – are in the phase of comprehensive testing, and gas is being fed into Gazprom’s gas transmission system.

The pre-development of the blocks is performed under harsh natural and climatic conditions and in complex geological structures. The hydrocarbons lie at a depth of about 4,000 meters with abnormally high formation pressures (up to 62 MPa).

Upon the completion of the comprehensive testing, production will be gradually ramped up to reach its design capacity by 2027. The production will amount over 14 billion cubic meters of natural gas and over 5 million tons of gas condensate.

Background

Achim Development was established with the purpose of pre-development and development of the Achimov formations in Areas 4A and 5A of the Urengoyskoye oil, gas and condensate field. The production activities of the company are focused on natural gas and unstable gas condensate production.

In 2015, Gazprom and BASF/Wintershall closed the asset swap deal. As a result, Wintershall obtained 25.01 per cent in the project for developing and exploring Blocks 4A and 5A in the Achimov formations of the Urengoyskoye field.

Gazprom is a global energy company focused on geological exploration, production, transportation, storage, processing and sales of gas, gas condensate and oil, sales of gas as a vehicle fuel, as well as generation and marketing of heat and electric power.

Gazprom holds the world’s largest natural gas reserves and is the global leader in gas production and export. The Company is among Russia’s top three oil and gas condensate producers and owns country’s major power generating assets.

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 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 2,500 people worldwide from over 60 nations.

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