



Press release

Galsi: Positive Outcome for Environmental Impact Assessment

*The Ministry of the Environment gives the go ahead;
authorization process enters final stage*

MILAN, 2 March 2011 – Galsi today announced that the Ministry of the Environment jointly with the Ministry for Arts and Culture has issued a decree regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Italian section of the Galsi Pipeline confirming the favourable opinion expressed last December by the Environmental Impact Assessment Commission. The assessment also takes into account positive environmental verdicts from the Regions of Sardinia and Tuscany.

With the conclusion of the Environmental Impact Assessment the authorization process for the Italian section of the Galsi Pipeline, begun in July 2008, can now enter its final stage. This, following the Conference of Services, should lead to the granting of Sole Authorization for construction and operation by the Ministry of Economic Development.

Created in 2003 as a design company, today Galsi is responsible for the development, construction and operation of a new pipeline connecting Algeria to Sardinia and Tuscany stretching over 900 km, of which around 600 km offshore. The initial capacity of the pipeline will be 8 billion cubic meters per year, a portion of which is destined to supply Sardinia with natural gas. Partners to the initiative are the Algerian Sonatrach (which today owns 41.6% of the company) and the Italian company Edison (with 20.8%); Other important Italian operators with a stake in Galsi are Enel (15.6%), Hear Trading (10.4%) and the Region of Sardinia through its subsidiary Sfirs (11.6%).

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