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Main phase of the construction work on the WEDAL gas pipeline in Bielefeld-Hillegossen begins

■ *In August, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH will carry out extensive renovation work on the WEDAL gas pipeline in the eastern part of Bielefeld*

Bielefeld. Renovation work on the WEDAL (Westdeutschland-Anbindungsleitung) in Bielefeld-Hillegossen has been underway since the spring. The WEDAL will now be taken out of service in August 2025 and the work is expected to take around four weeks. The gas supply will be secured throughout the entire construction period. The B66 federal highway and the A2 motorway will remain fully open to traffic.

■ Unfortunately, it will be necessary to carry out the work during off-peak hours, such as at night and on weekends, between August 4 and August 25, 2025. A special exemption has been granted by the city of Bielefeld. This measure is necessary to get the gas pipeline back into operation as quickly as possible and to ensure the energy supply in Germany.

GASCADE and the construction companies carrying out the work will make every effort to minimize disruption to the environment and local residents. However, there will be increased traffic, noise, and dust. We therefore ask for your understanding and will do our best to complete the project as quickly as possible. The renovation work involves replacing pipe segments. A modern process is used to expose only the ends of the jacket pipes and replace the inner pipeline pipes. The end of the construction work is scheduled for October 2025.

If necessary, you can contact us by email at kontakt@gascade.de or by phone at +49 341-2310 9036 (Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Background

Since 1997, the 321-kilometre Westdeutschland-Anbindungsleitung (WEDAL) pipeline has connected the German and Belgian transmission systems. Gas can be transported in both directions through WEDAL.

About GASCADE

GASCADE Gastransport GmbH operates a gas pipeline network throughout Germany. The Kassel-based transmission system operator offers its customers modern and competitive transport services for natural gas and, in future, other gases in the heart of Europe via its own high-pressure pipeline network, which is around 3,700 kilometres long. GASCADE is pursuing the goal of successively converting its pipeline network to the transport of hydrogen and is therefore active in several onshore and offshore hydrogen projects.