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Danish Energy Agency  
Amaliegade 44  
DK-1256 Copenhagen K  
DENMARK

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Nord Stream**

We refer to the ongoing national permit process in Denmark and other countries in respect of the Nord Stream gas pipeline project as operated by Nord Stream AG.

SwePol Link AB is a Swedish limited liability company (reg. no: 556530-9829) owned by Affärsverket svenska kraftnät (51%) and PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna S.A. (49%). SwePol Link AB owns and operates the 600 MW HVDC cable system that runs under the Baltic Sea between Stårnö in southern Sweden and Slupsk in northern Poland, hereinafter referred as "**SwePol Link**". By connecting the Swedish and Polish electricity networks it constitutes an important link between the Nordic countries and Continental Europe. A brochure containing general information about our company and SwePol Link is enclosed to this letter.

The precise route for the two 220 kilometres long and parallel gas pipelines (hereinafter referred to as "**Nord Stream**"), expected to run between Vyborg in Russia and Greifswald in Germany, is not yet finally determined, but it cannot be ruled out that Nord Stream will cross SwePol Link within the Danish exclusive economic zone. Since SwePol Link consists of two parallel cables, with a space of about 25 to 50 metres between them, Nord Stream may in effect cross SwePol Link at no less than four places.

The manner in which Nord Stream will cross SwePol Link is obviously an issue of critical importance to us and requires that appropriate arrangements are put in place between SwePol Link AB and Nord Stream AG. Besides from establishing a line of communication with Nord Stream AG to enable us to influence the laying of the pipelines insofar as they concern us, Nord Stream AG and SwePol Link AB should enter into a customary so-called crossing agreement. The overall rationale for entering into such an agreement is to identify the risks associated with the project and to clarify the overall responsibility of Nord Stream AG. In particular, it is paramount to avoid any damage being inflicted upon SwePol Link during the construction phase and the subsequent operation of Nord Stream and to regulate Nord Stream AG's liabilities in connection therewith.

The purpose of this letter is to underline our concern in respect of these issues and to ascertain that they, to the extent possible, are duly considered in the permit process. We also hope that there will be an opportunity for us to discuss this matter in further detail with the Agency in due course. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact us if this letter raises any queries or further information is required from us by the Agency in connection with any of the points discussed herein.

Yours faithfully,  
**SWEPOL LINK AB**

  
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Managing Director