

**Press release**

**Naftogaz of Ukraine joins Eurogas**

**The National Joint Stock Company Naftogaz of Ukraine has joined Eurogas as an associate member. This accession was unanimously endorsed by the Eurogas Board.**

At a special ceremony in honour of the Past Eurogas President, Mr. Domenico Dispenza, Member of the Eurogas Executive Committee and Chief Operating Officer, ENI Gas & Power, Mr. Jean-François Cirelli, New Eurogas President and Vice Chairman and President of GDF SUEZ had the opportunity to underline the considerable enlargement of the membership of Eurogas.

The accession of Naftogaz as an associate member to Eurogas strengthens the energy cooperation between EU and other European countries such as Ukraine which is important both as a gas transit country and as a gas market actor.

Naftogaz of Ukraine is an oil and gas company engaged in the full chain of operations in gas and oil field exploration and development, production and exploration drilling, gas and oil transport and storage, supply of natural gas and LPG to consumers. The total number of the company's employees is 175 000 people, which is about 1% of Ukraine's employable population.

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