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Completion of Constructing “Naoetsu Line” and “Shin Nagaoka Line”, Japan (Natural Gas Pipelines)

INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) is pleased to announce that the construction work has been completed for natural gas pipelines, “Naoetsu Line” and “Shin Nagaoka Line”, which connect Naoetsu LNG Terminal with INPEX’s existing pipeline network at Joetsu City (the port of Naoetsu), Niigata Prefecture, Japan.



“Naoetsu Line”, “Shin Nagaoka Line” and Naoetsu LNG Terminal

With these two natural gas pipelines completed, Naoetsu LNG Terminal, which is now under construction and plans to start commercial operation early next year, is now ready to become a part of INPEX’s natural gas pipeline network stretching across the Kanto-Koshinetsu region in Japan. Through this network, INPEX will establish a global Gas Supply Chain, where INPEX stably supplies the Japanese gas market with the gas INPEX develops and produces overseas in addition to the gas produced in Japan.

INPEX will work on “reinforcing its Gas Supply Chain” aligned with INPEX Medium-to-Long-Term Vision and will continuously make efforts to supply natural gas, an environmentally friendly fuel, in a stable manner by maintaining safety management of the pipeline system.

<Outline of the construction of “Naoetsu Line”>

Name: Naoetsu Line
Location: Between Yachiho, Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture and
Tomioka, Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture
Length: approximately 8.5km
Design: 8.5MPa of design pressure and 610mm (24 inches) of pipe diameter
Schedule: Construction started in April 2011, and completed in June 2013

<Outline of the construction of “Shin Nagaoka Line”>

Name: Shin Nagaoka Line
Location: Between Kamisanbu-ichi, Kubiki Town, Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture and
Yachiho, Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture
Length: approximately 5km
Design: 7.2MPa of design pressure and 406mm (16 inches) of pipe diameter
Schedule: Construction started in April 2011, and completed in June 2013

[INPEX Natural Gas Pipeline Network]

