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San Donato Milanese (MI), Madrid, Brussels, 19 April 2018 - The European consortium consisting of Snam, the majority shareholder with an interest of 60%, together with Enagás (20%) and Fluxys (20%), confirms that it has been awarded the tender arranged by the Greek Agency for privatization (TAIPED) for the purchase of a 66% stake in DESFA, the national operator in the natural gas infrastructure sector.

DESFA manages, under a regulated regime, a high pressure transport network of approximately 1,500 km, as well as a regasification terminal at Revithoussa. Snam, Enagás and Fluxys, shareholders of the TAP project, will be able to boost the development of the Greek gas infrastructure system in the coming years, fully realizing the potential of Greece as a natural gas hub, which will further leverage the development of the domestic market as well as other transit initiatives.

Furthermore, the consortium will be able to transfer technical and operational capabilities to DESFA and develop new uses and sources of natural gas (such as methane for transport and biomethane) to make a crucial contribution to the country's emission reduction process.

Thanks to its strategic position in the Mediterranean, Greece could represent an important crossroads for the diversification of supplies and the opening of new natural gas routes in Europe.

TAIPED accepted an offer of 535 million euro for 66% of DESFA share capital presented by the consortium last week. Discussions have started with a pool of Greek and international banks to secure a non-recourse financing package for the acquisition.

In 2017, DESFA reported significant growth compared to the previous year, with an EBITDA of approximately 177 million euro, also benefiting from non-recurring tariff items, and a positive net financial position of around 5 million euro (including available cash of approximately 228 million euro).

The signing of the agreements for the acquisition is subject to the completion of the further steps envisaged by the tender procedure and by local legislation on privatization, while the closing of the transaction is expected in the second half of the year, following the required authorizations including antitrust clearance.



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About Snam

Snam is Europe's leading gas utility. Founded in 1941 as "Società Nazionale Metanodotti", it has been building and managing sustainable and technologically advanced infrastructure guaranteeing energy security for over 75 years. Snam operates in Italy and, through subsidiaries, Austria (TAG and GCA), France (Teréga) and the United Kingdom (Interconnector UK). It is one of the main shareholders of TAP (Trans Adriatic Pipeline) and is the company most involved in projects for the creation of the Energy Union.

First in Europe by transport network size (over 32,500 km in Italy, about 40,000 with international subsidiaries) and natural gas storage capacity (16.7 billion cubic meters in Italy, about 20 billion with international subsidiaries), Snam manages the first liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant built in Italy and is a shareholder of the country's main terminal. Snam's business model is based on sustainable growth, transparency, nurturing talent, and development of local areas by dialoguing with communities. It fosters sustainable mobility, expands into energy efficiency, and invests in biomethane and innovative technologies to increase the use of renewable gas, a key resource of the green economy. www.snam.it

About Enagás

Enagás is the leading company with the largest number of LNG terminals and regasification capacity in Europe. With almost 50 years' experience and presence in Spain, Mexico, Chile, Peru and Sweden, Enagás is also one of the shareholders of the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) project. The company is certified as a Transmission System Operator (TSO) by the European Union and is an international benchmark in the development and operation of gas networks. It owns more than 12,000 km of gas pipelines, four strategic storages and eight regasification plants. In Spain, Enagás is the Technical Manager of the Gas System and has developed the country's key gas infrastructures, making it a model within Europe.

Listed on the IBEX 35 Spanish stock market, Enagás is present in the main sustainability indexes such as the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), for ten years in a row. The company is the world leader of its sector, according to the latest DJSI revision.

Enagás is also committed to the fight against climate change through initiatives to promote the use of renewable gases, such as biomethane and hydrogen, and through the development of actions for energy efficiency and sustainable mobility.

www.enagas.es

About Fluxys

Fluxys is a Belgium-based, fully independent gas infrastructure group. The company is a major gas transit operator and its offering combines gas transmission, gas storage and terminalling of liquefied natural gas (LNG). Present across Europe, the company focuses on safe, efficient and sustainable operations, quality services in line with market expectations and creating long-term value for its shareholders.

Besides its pipeline, storage and LNG terminalling assets in Belgium (owned and operated by NYSE Euronext listed Fluxys Belgium), Fluxys' partnerships include ownership in an LNG bunkering ship, the Interconnector and BBL pipelines linking the UK with mainland Europe, the Dunkirk LNG terminal in France, the NEL and TENP pipelines and the EUGAL pipeline project in Germany, the Transitgas pipeline in Switzerland, the Swedegas infrastructure in Sweden and the TAP pipeline from Turkey to Italy under construction to bring gas coming from Azerbaijan and potentially other sources to Europe.

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