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Thank you '

For my understanding, there is no chance you would start microtunneling still this year, is there?

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Thank you for approaching. And here is my cell: +41 79 231 08 15 just in case.

It seems that the same journalist with the identical questions from the Russian Interfax approached yourself and my Comms colleagues yesterday.

The below answers were offered to that journalist:

1. How is the project developing? Do you expect it to progress as planned?

The Trans Adriatic Pipeline is on schedule. The project schedule remains and TAP continues to work towards being ready to deliver first gas from Shah Deniz II in 2020.

In Greece, as of end-September, 441 km of our right of way have been cleared, approximately 404 km line pipes strung, over 371 km welded, 276 km back-filled and approximately 180 km are being reinstated. Line pipes continue to arrive to Kavala, Thessaloniki and Alexandroupolis. So far, approximately 95% of the 32,000 line pipes needed to build the 550km Greek section have been delivered.

In Albania, approximately 146 km have been cleared and graded along our route, 140 km line pipes strung, 135 km welded and approximately 112 km back-filled. Circa 87 km are being reinstated.

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This means that between Greece and Albania, TAP has now cleared and graded more than 76% of its corridor (approximately 587km out of 765km). Additionally, we have welded 66% of steel line pipes and around 50% pipes are already in the ground (back-filled).

In terms of logistics, mid-June 2017 we have completed the line pipe shipments for the Albanian pipeline section. 13,000 line pipes needed to build the 215km Albania section have been delivered to Dürres.

In Italy, in line with the Single Authorisation permit granted by the Ministry of Economy on 20 May 2015, TAP continues to progress its secondary permitting activities.

We removed the first set of olive trees in the micro-tunnel area between March and July 2017. These trees are carefully looked after in a nearby nursery and will be planted back to their original location once pipeline construction works have been completed. Also, the last shipment of offshore line pipes has been offloaded in Brindisi, Italy, between 3 and 6 September.

In terms of overall project progress, we are over 50% complete – including all engineering, procurement and construction scope.

2. How is the environmental protest in Apuglia impacting the project?

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TAP will use the most advanced technologies available to safeguard habitats, protect biodiversity and restore landscape to its original condition once construction works are completed.

In close cooperation with the national and local authorities, TAP is preparing to re-start works as planned. These works include the construction of an access road and digging the pit for building the micro-tunnel, once the Phase 1a verifications of compliance (secondary permits related to the environmental prescriptions of the EIA Decree) are in place (expected end October).

The above is just for the EC's background. However, we would appreciate if you could refer that kind of journalists directly to TAP's Media Dept.

Pls. let us know if further support should be needed.

Best regards

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