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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **RINA Experts to Support Turkmen Portion of TAPI Pipeline**

“Turkmengas” State Concern, the national gas company of Turkmenistan, has selected RINA as its technical consultant for supervision and project support services relating to the Turkmen section of the TAPI gas pipeline. The contract, valued at around 13 million USD, covers technical advice and support services for the construction of a 214km of pipeline across Turkmenistan along with two compressor stations.

The 10 billion USD TAPI (Turkmenistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – India) pipeline will be 1814km long and run from Turkmenistan, through Afghanistan and Pakistan, to India. The Turkmenistan section of the pipeline project is the first of its kind for the country and has a budget of around one billion USD. It is a critical infrastructure project that will impact the global movement of gas from Turkmenistan.

The TAPI project is financed by the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and, as with any major investment bank, the technical requirements to enter the tender process are very strict. RINA has the added benefit of showing its expertise in the region after working with state organizations on the Turkmenbashi International Port completed in 2018.

The TAPI pipeline will bring significant economic benefit to Turkmenistan. Its construction will be carried out in two phases and is expected to be completed in four years. The first phase will be the pipeline itself and the second will comprise the two compressor stations.

The levels of personnel from RINA to support the project will vary in line with the project schedule. At any one time, up to around 50 RINA personnel will be working with “Turkmengas” SC to help ensure a successful outcome in all technical aspects of the pipeline.

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