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PRESS RELEASE

The National Gas Transmission Company Transgaz SA, Romania and Eustream a.s., Slovakia signed a Memorandum of Understanding

Bucharest, 9 February 2018: **TRANSGAZ** and **EUSTREAM** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding**.

The Memorandum was signed by Mr. Ion Sterian, Transgaz' Director General and Mr. Rastislav Nukovic, Chief Executive Officer of Eustream a.s. the ceremony was attended by HE Mr. Pavol Hamzik, the Slovak Ambassador at Large for Energy Security, HE Mr. Jan Gabor, the Ambassador of Slovakia to Bucharest, Mr. Mirek Topolanek, member of Eustream's Board of Administration as well as numbers of Transgaz' representatives.

By concluding this Memorandum, the parties *inter alia* express their consent to cooperate with other TSOs from the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary and Bulgaria in order to appraise possibilities for the development the Eastring project on the territories of Romania and Slovakia.

On such occasion, in his capacity as Transgaz' Director General, Mr. Ion Sterian emphasised the positive perception and appreciation the Slovak partners enjoy in Romania and expressed his confidence that Eustream's openness to collaborate with Transgaz will yield favourable outcomes in terms of the regional cooperation by facilitating the proper conditions for the integration of the gas networks.

Mr. Ion Sterian considers that the relationship between Transgaz and Eustream will facilitate exchanges of technological experience in fields such as design and research, gas transmission system operation and development, gas dispatching, pipeline maintenance, SCADA implementation and upgrading, implementation of the EU energy regulations.

The Slovak peers highlighted the joint objective to increase the safety of supply at European level and the need to have a solid base for further achievements to be made by the gas transmission system operators of Slovakia and Romania.

Eustream a.s. is the operator of the Slovak gas transmission system, duly authorised for performing gas transmission activities in Slovakia.

Transgaz is the technical operator of the Romanian national gas transmission system responsible for the operation thereof under conditions of quality, safety, economic efficiency and environmental protection.

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