



Minister of Climate and Environment

DGK-WD-II.735.25.2022.JT.9
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Warsaw, January 10, 2023

DECISION

Acting pursuant to Article 93 section 2 and 4 and Article 161 section 4 in conjunction with Article 10 section 1 and Article 8 section 2 of the Act of June 9, 2011 – *Geological and Mining Law* (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 1072, as amended), as well as Article 104 and Article 107 § 1 and § 3 of the Act of June 14, 1960 – *Code of Administrative Procedure* (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 2000, as amended), having considered the application of Baltic Gas Sp. z o.o. i Wspólnicy Sp.k. with its registered office in Gdańsk, of September 22, 2022, for the approval of *Addendum No. 1 to the Geological-Investment Documentation of the “B6” Natural Gas Deposit*, and having agreed upon the draft decision concerning the case in question with the Minister competent for maritime economy (decision of the Minister of Infrastructure of December 14, 2022, ref. No.: DGM-3.532.38.2022),

I hereby approve

Addendum No. 1 to the Geological-Investment Documentation of the “B6” Natural Gas Deposit.

Grounds

Baltic Gas Sp. z o.o. i Wspólnicy Sp.k., by virtue of the application of September 22, 2022, requested the Minister of Climate and Environment to approve the document *Addendum No. 1 to the Geological-Investment Documentation of the “B6” Natural Gas Deposit*, prepared by Rafał Popczyk, M.Sc. (hereinafter: Addendum No. 1).

The *B6* natural gas deposit is located within the boundaries of the maritime areas of the Republic of Poland – the Exclusive Economic Zone, in the area of the eastern part of the Słupsk Post Glacial Channel, between the Southern Słupsk Bank and the Gdańsk Depth. The submitted Addendum No. 1 is the third document concerning the *B6* deposit. The resources of the *B6* natural gas deposit were originally documented in the *Geological Documentation of the “B6” Gas Condensate Deposit*, adopted without any reservations by virtue of the notification of the Minister of Environment of June 2, 2004 (ref. No.: DG/kzk/EZD/489-7520/2004), and, subsequently, in the *Geological-Investment Documentation of the “B6” Natural Gas Deposit*, approved by virtue of the decision of the Minister of Environment on November 12, 2019 (ref. No.: DGK-IV.4741.158.2018.BG).

The industrial and non-industrial reserves of the *B6* natural gas deposit were originally established in the *“B6” Gas Condensate Deposit Development Design* (license No. 2/2006 of November 7, 2006), subsequently amended by *Addendum No. 1 to the “B6” Natural Gas (Gas Condensate) Deposit Development Design* (decision of December 5, 2014, ref. No.: DGK-IV-4771-30/49227/14/AC) and in the extent of the boundaries of the *B6* natural gas deposit, the amount of proven geological resources, the category of exploration and the conditions of the hydrocarbon deposit presence.

Addendum No. 1 to the Geological-Investment Documentation of the “B6” Natural Gas Deposit contains the determination of the resources supposed economic of category C natural gas in million m³ as of December 31, 2021. The original natural gas resources supposed economic are 3,190.0 million m³, and the original recoverable resources are 2,392.5 million m³. The demonstrated condition of geological resources is 3,187.6 million m³, while the condition of extractable resources is 2,390.1 million m³.

According to the Documentation and the amending Addendum No. 1, only a part of the *B6* deposit is designed for development. The original geological resources of natural gas in the part of the deposit to be developed as of December 31, 2021 are 3,108.3 million m³ in category C natural gas, and the original recoverable resources are 2,331.2 million m³ in category C natural gas. On the other hand, the condition

of geological resources of natural gas supposed economic in the part of the deposit to be developed as of December 31, 2021 is 3,105.9 million m³ in category C, and the condition of recoverable resources is 2,328.8 million m³. The specified volume of industrial reserves is 2,327.0 million m³, and non-industrial reserves is 778.9 million m³. The previous production, carried out between June 14, 1982 and December 31, 2021, amounted to 2.4 million m³ of natural gas.

Pursuant to Article 93 section 2 of the Geological and Mining Law, the geological-investment documentation of a hydrocarbon deposit shall be approved by virtue of a decision of the competent geological administration authority. The geological-investment documentation of a hydrocarbon deposit shall be amended by drawing up an addendum. Article 93 sections 1–3 (Article 93 section 4 of the Geological and Mining Law) shall apply to the proceedings with an addendum to the geological-investment documentation of a hydrocarbon deposit. In contrast, Article 161 section 4 point in conjunction with Article 10 section 1 of the Geological and Mining Law stipulates that the minister competent for the environment, as the geological administration authority of first instance, is responsible for matters relating to the geological-investment documentation of hydrocarbon deposits.

In accordance with Article 8 section 2 of the Act of June 9, 2011 – *Geological and Mining Law* (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 1072, as amended) and Article 106 of the Act of June 14, 1960 – *Code of Administrative Procedure* (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 2000, as amended), the Minister of Climate and Environment requested the minister competent for maritime economy to agree upon the draft decision in the case in question, who, by virtue of the decision of December 14, 2022 (ref. No.: DGM-3-532.38.2022) agreed upon the presented draft decision.

Addendum No. 1 (completed and revised on October 17, 2022 and November 17, 2022) complies with the requirements prescribed by law. In addition, the authority did not find that Addendum No. 1 was developed as a result of illegal activities. Therefore, there were no grounds for issuing a negative decision. Thus, the geological administration authority is obliged to issue a decision approving *Addendum No. 1 to the Geological-Investment Documentation of the “B6” Natural Gas Deposit*.

In the course of the proceedings, the geological administration authority ensured the party to the proceedings active participation at every stage of the proceedings, and prior to the issuance of this decision the authority made it possible for the party to present its opinion on the collected evidence and materials. The party did not exercise its right.

file an appeal with the Voivodeship Administrative Court in Warsaw, within 30 days of its delivery (Article 52 § 3 and Article 53 § 1 of the Act of August 30, 2002 – *Law on proceedings before administrative courts* (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 329). The complaint is filed through the Minister of Climate and Environment. The fixed charge for filing a complaint amounts to PLN 200 (§ 2 section 6 of the Ordinance of the Council of Ministers of December 16, 2003 *on the amount and detailed rules for collecting charges in proceedings before administrative courts* (Journal of Laws of 2021, item 535).

The party may be assigned the right to obtain aid, upon request submitted to the Voivodeship Administrative Court in Warsaw. The request for the right to obtain aid is free of court fees (Article 243 § 1 and Article 244 § 1 of the *Law on proceedings before administrative courts*).

Pursuant to Article 127a of the Code of Administrative Procedure, during the course of the period for filing the request for reconsideration of the case, the party may waive the right to make such a request. The decision shall become final and effective as of the day of delivery to the public administration authority of the waiver of the right to request that the case be reconsidered.

p.p. Minister

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Ministry of Climate and Environment
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To be received by:

1. Maria Kołodyńska-Rytowska – representative of Baltic Gas Sp. z o.o. i Wspólnicy Sp.k. + 1 copy of Addendum No. 1 to the Geological-Investment Documentation;
2. to files

For the attention of:

1. National Geological Archive of the Polish Geological Institute–National Research Institute (PIG-PIB)

- + 1 copy of Addendum No. 1 to the Geological-Investment Documentation;
- 2. Ministry of Infrastructure;
- 3. Maritime Office in Gdynia;
- 4. District Mining Authority in Gdańsk.

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