

SOCAR VP – TANAP connects producers and consumers

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BAKU – Azerbaijan's Sangachal, one of the world's largest oil and gas terminals on the coast of the Caspian Sea, is an impressive site. Located 45 kilometres south of Baku, Sangachal is fully operational and natural gas from Azerbaijan's massive Shah Deniz field is already sold from there. The terminal will also be expanded to receive gas from the second phase of Shah Deniz.

On 28 June, the Shah Deniz II consortium, led by BP and Statoil, selected the Nabucco West pipeline for one of two possible routes to carry Caspian gas to western Europe, BP and Azeri state oil and gas company SOCAR said.

Two days earlier, Turkey and Azerbaijan signed a contract for the construction of the Trans-Anatolian gas pipeline (TANAP). Some experts believe that TANAP may be later connected to the reconfigured Nabucco West, which envisages the transportation of Azeri gas from Turkish-Bulgarian border to Austria's Baumgarten.

Next year, Shah Deniz II is expected to decide on the entire route for its gas and whether it wants the last stage of the journey to take a southern route through Italy via the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) or a more northern route into Austria via Nabucco West.