Appendix 16.4: Letter no. 03R dated 14 March 2011, from D.D Davidenko and N.V. Volkodav of the Department for Conservation, Restoration and Use of Historical and Cultural Treasures (Heritage) of the Krasnodar Region to L.A. Gavrilova, Vice President of the Archaeological Heritage Fund
On the Sending of Information

Dear Larisa Aleksandrovna,

The Administration for the Protection, Restoration and Operation of Historical-Cultural Sites of the Krasnodar Krai (hereinafter the Administration) has considered your application of 13.02.2011 no. 107/2 (incoming ref dated 24.02.2011 no. 78-956/11-0) for information about objects of archaeological heritage located on the section of the projected South Stream trunk gas pipeline in the Anapa resort of the Krasnodar Krai.

The territory of the Anapa resort in the Krasnodar Krai is rich in objects of archaeological heritage belonging to various historical epochs, from the early Bronze Age to the late Middle Ages. In total, according to the unified State Register of Historical and Cultural Monuments, the list of identified cultural heritage sites, and materials in the Administration’s archive, there are 6 objects of archaeological heritage and protection zones for them in the section of the proposed construction:

- a burial mound group (state no. 372) located in the village of Sukko, 5 km east of the village, near the dairy farm of the “Caucasus” state farm, on the left bank of the Sukko river in the resort of Anapa. The monument is protected by the state in accordance with the Decision of the Krasnodar Krai Executive Committee of 29 January 1975, no. 63;
- a burial mound group (state no. 365) located in the village of Gai-Kodzor in the resort of Anapa, to the southeast of the village. The monument is protected by the state in accordance with the Decision of the Krasnodar Krai Executive Committee of 29 January 1975, no. 63;
- a burial mound (state no. 363) located in village of Varvarovka in the resort of Anapa, 1.5 km along the Shingar River. The monument is protected by the state in accordance with the Decision of the Krasnodar Krai Executive Committee of 29 January 1975, No. 63;
- the "Varvarovka" settlement located in the village of Varvarovka in the resort of Anapa, the WGS-84 coordinates of the settlement’s centre are: N 44°50′30.4" E 37°22′56.1". The monument is protected by the state in accordance with the Order of the Administration for the Protection, Restoration and Operation of Historical-Cultural (Heritage) Sites of the Krasnodar Krai of 22 June 2009, no. 56;
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- a burial ground located in the village of Buzhor in the resort of Anapa, 0.125 km south of the village. The monument is protected by the state in accordance with the Instruction of the Committee for the Protection, Restoration and Operation of Historical-Cultural (Heritage) Sites of the Krasnodar Krai of 8 January 2002, no. 1-r; and

- a settlement located in the village of Buzhor in the resort of Anapa, the southwestern edge of the village. The monument is protected by the state in accordance with the Instruction of the Committee for the Protection, Restoration and Operation of Historical-Cultural (Heritage) Sites of the Krasnodar Krai of 8 January 2002, No. 1-r.

We also inform you that in the section of the projected South Stream trunk gas pipeline indicated by you in the resort of Anapa, Krasnodar Krai, there have been no special investigations (surveys) to identify objects of cultural heritage. Every year in the Krasnodar Region archaeologists identify and register for State protection more than 300 new archaeological monuments. This is due to the geomorphological specifics of the region and the lack of archaeological exploration in individual areas. Thus, there arises the important question of preserving archaeological sites that have not yet been registered or are still uncovered and have not received scientific description.

Based on the requirements of current law, in the design phase of the South Stream trunk gas pipeline in the section under review in the resort of Anapa, Krasnodar Krai, a comprehensive exploration (survey) must be conducted of the range of permanent and temporary land allotment sites in order to locate all objects of cultural heritage in the construction zone, to establish the monuments’ borders and to fix them to the construction sites.

On the basis of the survey results, in accordance with clause 3 of article 36 of Federal Law No. 73-FZ of 25 June 2002, it is obligatory to develop and include in the design for the construction of the trunk gas pipeline a section on ensuring the preservation of objects of cultural heritage ("Protection of Objects of Cultural Heritage"), containing the necessary textual and graphical information on the exact location of the monuments, their size, protection zones, categories of historical and cultural significance, registration for state protection and the modes of using the monuments’ territories and protection zones. Also to be developed as part of this section is a set of required measures for the conservation of archaeological monuments (project for the organisation of archaeological field rescue) falling within the range of the gas pipeline and the cost of its implementation at the design and construction phase.

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