Peter Gaz LLC
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To No 5644 of 07.11.2013

The Department for State Protection of the Cultural Heritage of Krasnodar Krai (hereinafter the Department) has reviewed your request of 07.11.2013 № 5644 (entry from 11.11.2013 № 78-8251/13-0) on the possibility of placing the facility: The South Stream Offshore Pipeline section (Russian sector) on a plot of land of 42.5 km² (length 50 km), located in the territorial waters of the Russian Federation, adjoining the territory of Krasnodar Krai.

In accordance with article 36 of the Federal Law of 25.06.2002 № 73-FZ "On cultural heritage (monuments of history and culture) of the Russian Federation," the design and implementation of land surveying, excavation, construction, land reclamation, economic and other activities are performed without the presence of culture heritage items in this area. If land that is subject to economic development contains items of cultural heritage included in the register and identified cultural heritage items, projects for performing land surveying, excavation, construction, reclamation, economic and other work on territories directly associated with land plots within the borders of the territory of the specified items shall contain sections on preserving these items of cultural heritage or the identified items of cultural heritage that have received a positive report from the state examination of project documentation.

Pursuant to the specified requirements of current legislation on cultural heritage items in the project documentation for construction of the facility: The South Stream Offshore Pipeline section (Russian sector), Peter Gaz LLC developed in 2013 the section South Stream Offshore Pipeline section (Russian sector). Project documentation. Section 10. Other documentation in cases provided for by federal laws. Part 5. Measures for the conservation of cultural heritage. Book 1. Underwater section (16/13/2013-П-COKH1.1).

In accordance with existing archive materials, the register of items of cultural heritage and the list of identified items of cultural heritage of Anapa and Novorossiysk. as well as based on the section South Stream Offshore Pipeline section (Russian sector). Project documentation. Section 10. Other documentation in cases provided for by federal laws. Part 5. Measures for the conservation of cultural heritage. Book 1. Underwater section (16/13/2013-П-COKH1.1), within the borders of the allotted land plot there is:

- an archaeological item - amphora (goal PS_Cab_Ph).
The archaeological item, an amphora, is 23.9 m from the route of the planned pipeline in the zone of possible mechanical impact during construction.

To preserve the archaeological item, due to the impossibility of changing the route of the facility: South Stream Offshore Pipeline section (Russian sector), it is necessary to carry out rescue archaeological fieldwork, in accordance with the procedure determined in article 45.1 of this Federal Law and the provision "On the procedure for performing archaeological fieldwork (archaeological excavations and surveys) and compilation of scientific reporting", confirmed by resolution of the Department for historical and philological sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences No. 17 of 30.01.2013.

The Department believes that it is possible to use the land plot of 42.5 km² (length 50 km) for placing the facility: "South Stream Offshore Pipeline section (Russian sector), located in the territorial waters of the Russian Federation, adjoining the territory of Krasnodar Krai, subject to the compulsory performance of the requirements of current legislation.

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