

## ESHIA Public Meeting Minutes

Date	12.11.2003
Time	18.00-19.00
Settlement	Gastello, Poronaisk District
Location	Cultural Center
Number of attendees	37

### 1. How exactly will Sakhalin benefit from the Project?

This information is given in the presentation. The Company contributes much to development of infrastructure, renders social help in medicine and education. It is also planned to reconstruct hospitals in Poronaisk, Nogliki and Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. Surgeries and critical care departments will start operating. People will also have a possibility to use medical services.

### 2. Will age limits be applied to prospective employees?

We can't provide this information right now. There shouldn't be any age limits except cases with bad state of health.

### 3. How many workers will be employed for building of compressor station in Gastello?

We can't give you this number as building has not yet been started. The Company's contractor will be handling these issues.

### 4. Will there be compensation for lands where the pipelines will be laid?

All such lands have already been registered, and their owners as well. All the procedures will be carried out with land owners in accordance with the Russian legislation (as per Article 77 of Land Code), on an individual basis, depending on investments to agricultural lands.

### 5. When exactly is it planned to start building of compressor station in Gastello?

Presumably in 2004.

### 6. Is it planned to provide gas supply to the settlement?

The Company is planning to build two branch pipes for further gas supply, but building of the relevant infrastructure will be performed at the Oblast administration's expense.

### 7. Is it planned to asphalt the central road in Gastello?

There are programs which will be carried out by the Company, and there are things the local administration is responsible for. The Company cannot asphalt all the roads in the settlement, but the road with the heaviest traffic will be asphalted by our contractors.

**8. As no promises of the Project have been fulfilled so far yet, what's the use of such public meetings then?**

The Company is responsible for informing people on the stages of the Project, to let the community know what is going on, to get to know problems, questions and comments. We'd like to be sure that people see the Company's efforts and understand what the government and local administration are responsible for.

**9. Mostly workers from the mainland rather than local workers are employed by the Project. Why?**

Lots of local workers apply for work for contractors. But only few of them have documents proving their qualification and experience and medical statements proving their ability to work under challenging conditions. Contractors cannot train people as time and an appropriate license are required, therefore sometimes it is easier and cheaper to bring people having working experience with similar projects.

**10. What was the reason of mass herring kill in Piltun Bay in 1999?**

The scientists proved that ice and snow gorge was the reason of fish kill. It means that the reason was natural. The platform started oil production in July 1999 and fish kill happened in June, i.e. earlier and these two events have nothing in common.

**11. How will the pipeline be laid?**

Underground, i.e. the most popular method worldwide.