

Wintershall Dea response to Business & Human Rights Resource Centers' invitation to respond to an article published by Global Witness¹ from May 9, 2023

Immediately after the start of the war, Wintershall Dea took a clear position and condemned the war of aggression. We said "no" to investments in new projects in Russia and with Russian companies outside Russia. And we have put our Russian business under review and finally took the decision to fully exit Russia.

We have decided to end our Russian activities and to leave Russia in an orderly manner complying with all applicable legal obligations. The decision to withdraw from Russia is final. There is no turning back. We condemn the Russian war of aggression and demand its immediate end.

We have been taking appropriate steps in Q1 2023.

- We have started the wind-down of our St. Petersburg office by reducing the number of local colleagues.
- We are also bringing our expatriate colleagues in Russia back to their home locations.

We are exploring different options of how to exit the assets.

However, the exit remains a complex and ongoing process since the Russian Government is creating constantly new hurdles, obstacles and administrative processes for those wanting to leave the country.

Please find further information on the decision and our statements on our website: <https://wintershalldea.com/en/investor-relations/ir-23-01>.

Gas Condensate Production

The Achimgaz and Achim Development joint ventures produce gas and, as a by-product, gas condensate from Achimov formations of the Urengoyskoye gas field near the West Siberian city of Novy Urengoy in the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug. Gas condensate can be further processed into a variety of gas chemical and petrochemical products, including plastics, heating oil and fuels.

The two joint ventures Achimgaz and Achim Development deliver natural gas and - as a by-product - gas condensate produced from the Achimov deposit directly to Gazprom. Both joint ventures, Achimgaz and Achim Development, do not have any technical or commercial operations outside their local production field. Wintershall Dea is not and was never involved in any hydrocarbon transport and marketing in Russia.

The joint ventures do not have any contractual relations with third companies along the

¹ "Exposing the connections between Wintershall's Siberian gas fields and Russia's military supply chain", May 28, 2023, <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/stop-russian-oil/exposing-the-connections-between-wintershalls-siberian-gas-fields-and-russias-military-supply-chain/>.

processing chain. This applies in particular to the subsidiary of PAO Gazprom, Gazprom Pererabotka, and in turn also its subsidiary Gazprom Neftekhim Salavat.

Furthermore, we refer to the publication of Global Witness, the report literally says: „It is not possible to determine whether any given barrel of diesel from Salavat contains Wintershall’s joint-venture gas condensate.“ Further it says: “Global Witness does not allege direct links between Wintershall’s joint-venture fields and Russia’s military supply chain.