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### **Baku-Supsa loaded 1000th tanker at Supsa terminal on the Black Sea**

The Western Route Export Pipeline (Baku-Supsa) operated by bp has loaded the 1000th tanker at the Supsa terminal on the Black Sea.

650,000 barrels of crude oil from the Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli (ACG) field in the Caspian safely travelled all the way from the Sangachal terminal near Baku across Azerbaijan and Georgia and onto the Stamos, the 1000<sup>th</sup> tanker that sailed the cargo to Italy.

“Baku-Supsa is an important part of the early oil project of bp and its coventurers in ACG and the first proof of our safe and reliable operations in Georgia and the region. The lifting of the 1000th tanker from the Supsa terminal is a remarkable milestone we celebrate within bp’s 25-year anniversary in Georgia this year,’ says Aytan Hajiyeva, bp Georgia head of country.

Baku-Supsa has transported more than 700 million barrels of oil since it became operational in 1999. The current export rate via Baku-Supsa is about 100,000 barrels per day with the average daily flowrate in 2021 being 90 million barrels.

‘We are proud of the exceptional performance Baku-Supsa has demonstrated for more than two decades it has been operational and since it loaded the first tanker in 1999’, says Eldar Gaziyeu, Area operations manager for bp’s Azerbaijan-Georgia-Turkey export pipelines.

ACG participating interests are: bp (30.37%), SOCAR (25.0%), MOL (9.57%), INPEX (9.31%), Equinor (7.27%), ExxonMobil (6.79%), TPAO (5.73%), ITOCHU (3.65%), ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) (2.31%).

#### Notes to Editors:

- bp operates the Western Route Export Pipeline (WREP), known as Baku-Supsa and the Supsa terminal on the Black Sea on behalf of the ACG coventurers.
- The first intergovernmental agreement between Azerbaijan and Georgia was signed in 1996 allowing to start the construction of Baku-Supsa.
- Baku-Supsa became operational in 1999 and to date it has carried 700 million barrels of oil from the ACG field in the Caspian Sea via the Sangachal terminal in Azerbaijan to the Supsa oil terminal on the Georgia Black Sea coast.
- The first tanker “Agip Piamonte” was loaded at the Supsa Terminal in April 1999.
- The Georgia section of WREP is 373 kilometers, with three pumping stations, two pressure reduction stations, 27 block valves, four check valves and one check/block valve.
- bp on behalf of the AIOC coventurers is implementing Small Business Development Project in 121 communities along WREP. The program is focused on social and economic development of the pipeline communities through supporting establishment of the small businesses and scaling up the existed enterprises as well as strengthening entrepreneurs’ skills via education in business administration.
- bp on behalf of the AIOC coventurers has spent more than USD 3.5 million since 2007 within the community development programs along WREP.

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