

Press release*Astana, December 7, 2016***JSC «KazTransOil» announces about the completion of reconstruction of oil pumping station “663 km” of Atyrau Oil Pipeline Department of the Western Branch of “KazTransOil” JSC**

Today during the regional teleconference, arranged within the working visit of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Atyrau oblast, the upgraded oil pumping station – OPS “663 km” – of Atyrau Oil Pipeline Department of the Western Branch of “KazTransOil” JSC was presented to President Nursultan Nazarbayev. The upgraded OPS “663 km” increases the capacity of Atyrau–Kenkiyak section of Kazakhstan–China oil pipeline for transportation of oil for export and to domestic refineries.

The reconstruction and expansion of OPS “663 km” have been conducted within the framework of the second phase of the second stage of Kazakhstan–China oil pipeline construction, in order to ensure the possibility of transporting oil of different shippers, including Kashagan oil, to the People’s Republic of China, as well as to supply Western Kazakhstan oil to domestic refineries. This will help to meet the expected growth in oil consumption after the refineries modernization using domestic crude sources.

“It is gratifying that we are opening the upgraded oil pumping station on the eve of the Independence Day. It gave us an opportunity to transport Kashagan oil and oil from other Western Kazakhstan fields for export to China and domestic refineries,” Zhenisbek Lukpanov, the Director of the Western Branch of “KazTransOil” JSC, reported to the President of Kazakhstan during the teleconference.

The reconstruction and expansion of OPS “663 km” started in January of 2014, the work was carried out by local contractor. In accordance with the design solutions, OPS “663 km” will operate as the head OPS for “Kenkiyak – Atyrau” oil pipeline in a reverse mode, as well as will be used for oil pumping from OPS “663km” to Atyrau Refinery in a direct mode.

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