

Press release

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KazTransOil commissions pig launcher and receiver facilities at Inder Pumping Station

KazTransOil has completed the installation and connection of pig launcher and receiver facilities for cleaning and in-line inspection (ILI) tools at Inder Pumping Station (PS), located at the 869.303 km mark of the Uzen–Atyrau–Samara trunk oil pipeline.

To connect the new pig launcher and receiver facilities to the existing trunk pipeline, KazTransOil specialists carried out a series of technological operations on a 159-metre section of the pipeline. The works included depressurizing the pipeline, transferring oil to the tank farm of T. Kassymov PS, connecting the facilities, subsequently refilling the pipeline section with oil, and commissioning it for operation. In 2025, the construction of the process facilities complex for the launching and receiving chambers for cleaning and in-line inspection devices was completed at the Inder Oil PS.

A total of 142 specialists from KazTransOil’s Atyrau and Aktope Oil Pipeline Departments, as well as contractor organizations, were involved in the works. The project also involved 35 units of road and specialized equipment.

The installation and connection works were carried out in full compliance with industrial, fire and environmental safety requirements.

To protect the health and safety of personnel, a medical team and specialists from the professional paramilitary emergency rescue service were on standby at the site throughout the works.

As part of the project and in support of domestic manufacturers, the pig launcher and receiver facilities, as well as the pipeline fittings, were manufactured in Kazakhstan. The facilities incorporate modern engineering solutions, including bayonet-type closures with safety devices and cantilever cranes, ensuring safe and efficient pig launching and receiving operations.

The pig launcher and receiver facilities are designed to launch into and receive from the pipeline cleaning, batching and in-line inspection tools, as well as to collect and remove cleaning debris, including paraffin deposits and mechanical impurities. The use of pig launcher and receiver facilities enhances the reliability and safety of pipeline operations and contributes to the continuous and long-term operation of the trunk oil pipeline.

KazTransOil JSC is Kazakhstan's national oil pipeline operator and a member of the KazMunayGas group of companies. The Company operates a diversified network of more than 5,200 kilometres of main oil pipelines and provides operation and maintenance services for third-party pipeline systems with a total length exceeding 5,000 kilometres.

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