

Germany's Gazprom Stake

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Germany's E.On Ruhrgas may sell its \$4.5 billion stake in Gazprom to state-owned Vneshekonombank as the German firm struggles to cope with high debts and falling revenues.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who is also chairman of VEB, may discuss the possible sale of the stake with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Friday during a visit to Germany, his spokesman said.

"There will be no separate talks on the issue, but it could be assumed that this subject will be touched upon," Dmitry Peskov said.

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