

## **Gazprom Eyes U.K. Deal**

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Gazprom could sign a preliminary deal to extend its export pipelines to Britain next year, a project in which the Russian gas export monopoly has attracted interest from BP, it said.

Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller said in June the British major was interested in participating in an expanded Nord Stream pipeline that would deliver Russian gas straight to Britain.

At the time, industry sources said BP's interest in Nord Stream brought objections from its partner in TNK-BP, which had insisted on sticking to an obligation to explore business opportunities only in Russia through their joint venture.

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