

**DEAR  
FELLOW CITIZENS,**  
WE WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO GIVE YOU THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:



#### **WHAT ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?**

POZAGAS a.s. with a registered address at Malé námestie 1, 901 01 Malacký, Slovak Republic, Company ID 31 435 688 (hereinafter "POZAGAS a.s.") owns and operates the Láb 4 Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility (hereinafter "Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility POZAGAS a.s." or "POZAGAS UNGSF") in the cadastral area of the municipalities of Malacký, Láb, Kostolište and Plavecký Štvrtok.

The POZAGAS UNGSF is used to store natural gas in the depleted gas fields located in the hermetically sealed rock structures deep under the earth surface.

Natural gas is a key component of Slovakia's energy policy and the energy mix ensuring our energy security.

Burning natural gas does not result in any harmful compounds or mechanical impurities. This is a reason why natural gas is referred to as a clean and environmentally friendly fossil fuel.

#### **SAFETY, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND CONSIDERATE TREATMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARE AMONG THE TOP PRIORITIES OF POZAGAS A.S.**

POZAGAS a.s. proudly looks back on its 25-year track record. Today, POZAGAS a.s. is a modern energy sector undertaking guided by an overarching objective to ensure continuous compliance with the rigorous standards of safe operations, occupational health and safety and environment conservation.

POZAGAS a.s. successfully completed performance testing in the area of process safety using API (American Petroleum Institute) standards.

The POZAGAS a.s. Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility is fully compliant with applicable legislation and the Company holds the following certificates: **ISO 9001 (Quality Management)**, **ISO 14001 (Environmental Management)** and **OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment)**.

#### **POZAGAS A.S. AND THE PREVENTION OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ACT**

After the enactment of new legislation on the prevention of major industrial accidents (Act 128/2016, the Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Act) POZAGAS a.s. joined the ranks of undertakings required to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions and to introduce procedures designed to prevent major industrial accidents.

On 27 July 2016 POZAGAS a.s. served on the Bratislava District Authority, Environment Department (Bratislava District Authority) a notice of the POZAGAS a.s. Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility being classified as a Category B undertaking.

As provided for under the Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Act, on 31 August 2017 POZAGAS a.s. filed a Safety Report with the Bratislava District Authority. On 14 February 2018 the Bratislava District Authority approved the Safety Report.

Successfully accomplished in 1997, the POZAGAS UNGSF is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment that is also deployed all over the world. The storage was built with support from international experts and using advice of the European Investment Bank, which co-financed the entire project.

Natural gas has many uses, such as for heating homes, making hot sanitary water or cooking in the households as well as in major industrial sectors of the country's national economy.

#### **WHAT SUBSTANCES ARE PRESENT IN THE UNDERTAKING?**

Natural gas in the underground storage is the principal substance categorised as hazardous under the Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Act. In addition to natural gas, small quantities of other liquids are used within the surface operation facilities of the POZAGAS a.s. Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility, e.g. methyl alcohol, triethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, diesel fuel and lubricant oils.

These liquid substances are stored pursuant to applicable regulations in approved vessels complete with protective and safety features. Any leakage of these liquid substances will be confined to the premises of the surface operations facilities of POZAGAS a.s. and will pose no danger to the general public or the environment.

#### **WHY IS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE GENERAL PUBLIC INFORMED?**

As provided for in Section 15 of the Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Act, the operator of an undertaking that could potentially cause a serious industrial accident is required to pro-actively inform the general public.

Up-to-date technology deployed at the storage and highly professional staff are important risk mitigation prerequisites. Another major prerequisite is the availability of continual emergency operational support provided by the

- In-house Mining Rescue Service and
- Off-site Principal Mining Rescue Service

that constitute part of the Integrated Rescue System of the Slovak Republic that can be reached using a nation-wide emergency number 112.

#### **INFORMATION EXTRACT FROM THE PROTECTION PLAN FOR THE PUBLIC**

In the event of an emergency and following the announcement of an emergency, people in endangered communities should follow the procedures laid down in the Protection Plan for the Public prepared by the respective community or the Crisis Management Department of the Malacký District Office. POZAGAS a.s. regularly updates documents used in the Protection Plan for the Public..

In accordance with applicable legislation, POZAGAS a.s. has prepared an internal Emergency Plan for dealing with extraordinary situations affecting POZAGAS technology and facilities (potential gas leakage, fire, effects of excessive pressure).





### **MOST RECENT INSPECTION DATE AND OTHER INFORMATION**

From 30 October 2017 to 22 December 2017 POZAGAS a.s. was subjected to a coordinated inspection carried out by the relevant authorities as provided for in Section 24 para 2 of the Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Act.

POZAGAS a.s. demonstrated that appropriate measures had been taken to prevent a serious industrial accident and that the Company was fully compliant with the Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Act.

For more information, please visit Enviportál, the information portal of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic. This information is provided in accordance with Section 15 of the Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Act.

If you have any observations, suggestions or proposals for us, please get in touch using our email address [info@pozagas.sk](mailto:info@pozagas.sk).

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC**

In the event of an emergency affecting POZAGAS a.s. facilities and potentially endangering human life, the environment or assets, the public will be warned by the sound of sirens. Fire, smoke or the sound of leaking gas may also be a sign of danger.



### **What to do on hearing or seeing such signals?**

Should you observe an emergency affecting POZAGAS a.s. facilities, you are kindly asked to follow these instructions:

1. Keep calm and do not panic. This will improve your odds of coping with the emergency.
2. If you are in an open area, try to get away from the emergency site while moving perpendicularly to the wind if possible.
3. If you are in a building, stay put, close and seal the doors and windows, switch off air conditioning.
4. In accordance with the Emergency Plan of POZAGAS a.s., please report the emergency using the phone number **+421 34 697 4888** (Technical Dispatching Service of NAFTA a.s.).
5. If possible, notify other people around you.
6. Wait for more instructions to be broadcast by the local radio, public media or posted on the municipal web sites or the web site of the Malacky District Office, Crisis Management Department (<http://www.minv.sk/?informacie-pre-obcanov-5>).
7. Make only absolutely essential phone calls to engage the rescue services (ambulance service, firefighters, police). Non-essential calls may overwhelm the telephone network.

### **important phone numbers**

**Integrated Rescue System**  
(search and rescue, firefighters, police)

**112**

**Firefighters and Rescue Corps**

**150**

**Police**

**158**

**Ambulance service**

**155**

**Malacky District Office**  
(Crisis Management Group)

**+421 910 667 650**

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