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## Abstracts

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### SUMMARY

The Russian Federation as the major successor state to the former Soviet Union inherited a vast network of pipelines spread throughout the whole country. However in the aftermath of the collapse of the Soviet Union, the oil and gas sector in Russia suffered a shock and production levels fell drastically. However in recent years the oil and gas sector in the country has been boosted due to several new pipelines being built to replace or expand the ageing Soviet era infrastructure. Further several more major pipeline projects are currently under construction, which will further boost the oil and gas sector in the country in the coming years.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Russian Federation, as the major successor state to the former Soviet Union, inherited a vast network of pipelines spread throughout the whole country.

Around 60% of the gas pipeline network in Russia today ranges between 40 and 50 years old.

Greater connectivity through its vast pipeline system is on a very high agenda in Moscow, and the likelihood of further pipeline projects being developed in the

coming years is likely.

## **SCOPE**

Explores the history of Russia's pipeline network

States how Russia is modernizing and expanding its pipeline network

Analyzes how this expansion will result in greater connectivity with neighbors

Explains why the Russian oil and gas sector should receive a boost in the coming years

## **REASONS TO BUY**

How is Russia modernizing its pipeline network?

Which countries are or will be importing oil and gas from Russia?

Why does the Russian government want to maintain strong control over the oil and gas sector?

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China to become second largest purchaser of Russian gas in the coming years

Exports to Europe also likely to increase as “Nord Stream 2” pipeline takes shape

Original Nord Stream project bypassed Eastern Europe and directly connected Russia with Germany

Stiff initial opposition to Nord Stream 2, in the wake of diplomatic tensions over Ukraine is slowly dissipating

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