

# Environmental decision

Once the *decisions on the environmental requirements for project implementation* is obtained (hereinafter referred to in the abbreviated form: environmental decision), it means that the venture can be fulfilled in the natural environment within the area of the future project, with consideration of the specific conditions and requirements concerning the protection of the natural environment.

The procedure regarding obtaining the environmental decision for ventures classified as “Group 1” projects for which the *Report on environmental impact of the venture* is compulsory, differs from the procedure required for projects for which the *Report* is optional (Group 2 projects). In the case of Group 1 projects, the *Report* is submitted straight away. The environmental decision is issued on the grounds of this *Report*. In the case of Group 2 projects a description of the venture is required first. Only later do the respective offices decide whether preparation of the *Report* is necessary. Once the *Report* has been studied, the environmental decision is issued. In both cases, the decision is issued within 60 days from the date of submitting the *Report on the environmental impact of the venture*.

On 17 December 2008, Polskie LNG sp. z o.o. submitted the complete *Report on the environmental impact of the venture* to the Regional Management of Environmental Protection in Szczecin and to the Mayor of the City of winouj cie.

A description of the venture is attached to the application for the *decisions on the environmental requirements for project implementation*.

What is the significance of the environmental decision for the investor?

The *decisions on the environmental requirements for project implementation* is necessary for the investor to obtain building permit. It stipulates the requirements concerning environmental protection that are necessary to take into consideration in the construction design. The environmental decision also confirms the feasibility of the venture in the selected location.

**On 12 February 2009 Polskie LNG Co. received a Decision on the Environmental Requirements for Project Implementation for the marine part** of the LNG Terminal, issued by the Regional Director for the Environmental Protection in Szczecin.

**On 4 March 2009 Polskie LNG Co. received a Decision on the Environmental Requirements for Project Implementation for the onshore part** of the LNG Terminal issued by the winouj cie City Mayor.

Detailed analyses contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report demonstrate **no transborder impact** of the winouj cie LNG Terminal, as well as **no significant environmental impact**, including the impact on humans.