Russian Gas Trade: Barriers and Opportunities, a Korean Perspective

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Korea at a Glance

- Land Area: 99,646 km²
 - More than 70 %: Unproductive hill/mountains
- Population: 49.8 million
 - **"** High population density
 - ["] Skilled man powers
- Moderate Climates
 - **Cold winter:** Low productivity in agricultures
- \Rightarrow Economic Development
 - **Strategy:**
 - " Industrialization by Manufacturing
 - " High value-added industries
 - " Export to international markets





Energy Demand and Economic Growth in Korea



Domestic Energy Production in Korea



Energy Mix Changes in Korea



Natural Gas Infrastructure in Korea

- " Planned in 1984 & commercial operation start from 1987 and imports by LNG type from SE Asia and the Middle East
- " Nation-wide trunk pipeline system: 3,023 km





Bird's-eye view of Incheon LNG terminal

	Start	Storage Capacity (1,000 ^{kl} ,#)	Re-gas Capacity (Ton/h)
Incheon	Oct. 1996	3,480(18)	3,690
Pyeongtaek	Nov. 1986	1,000(10)	3,016
Tongyeong	Sep. 2002	1,400(10)	1,350
Total		4,880(38)	8,056

LNG Import Source in Korea

LNG (Million tons)	1986	1995	2000	2005	2011
Indonesia	0.1	5.3	6.1	5.5	7.9
Malaysia	-	1.0	2.4	4.7	4.1
Qatar	-	-	3.3	6.2	8.2
Oman	-	-	1.6	4.2	4.2
Others	-	0.8	1.2	1.7	12.3
Total	0.1	7.1	14.6	22.3	36.7



Why does Korea need Russian gas ?

É Energy Security

- ó Diversification of energy sources
 - É from nuclear & coal: Siting + Environment issues for a small country
- ó Import source diversification from the Middle East
 - É Is Russia more reliable and attractive supplier?
- É LNG Demand & Supply Gap
 - ó Expected shortage of contracted supply for Korea's LNG imports
 - ó Tightened international LNG market ⇒ Russia can be an option for gas import source for Korea in future.



Energy Demand Outlook in Korea

Unit: million TOE

			Gro		Growth r	h rate pa (%)
	2011	2025	2030	2035	·11~'20	·11~'35
Coal	83.6	100.2	107.7	112.4	1.92	1.24
	(30.3)	(28.3)	(29.1)	(29.7)		
Oil	105.1	111.0	107.1	101.5	0.82	-0.15
	(38.1)	(31.3)	(29.0)	(26.9)		
Natural Gas	46.3	64.8	69.8	73.3	1.93	1.93
	(16.8)	(18.3)	(18.9)	(19.4)		
Hydro	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	-0.35	0.70
	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)		
Nuclear	32.3	59.6	65.3	70.0	4.85	3.28
	(11.7)	(16.8)	(17.7)	(18.5)		
Others	6.6	16.8	18.0	18.8	8.44	4.44
	(2.4)	(4.7)	(4.9)	(5.0)		
Total	275.7	354.1	369.9	377.9	2.09	1.32
	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)		

Source: Korean Government, The 2nd National Energy Plan, Dec. 2013

Opportunity for Russia's Regional Energy Cooperation

Russia's Energy Export Market Diversification

	2008	~2015	~ 2022	~ 2030
Oil	8 %	10 - 11 %	14-15 %	22 - 25 %
Natural Gas	-	11 - 12 %	16-17 %	19-20 %

Share of Asia-Pacific region in Russia's total energy exports

- Oil, Gas and Coal Development Projects
 - **Oil and gas (Sakhalin-III and Chayanda), Coal (Yakutia)**
- Natural Gas Pipeline Construction for Export
 - **Total gas production in East Siberia and Far East = 150 bcm (2030)**
- Completion of ESPO Oil Pipeline Construction
- Development of Oil & Gas in Arctic Ocean Area (Yamal region)
 - ["] Natural gas production and exports to Europe and Asia-Pacific Region by pipelines or LNG



Gas Development and Pipeline Network in Northeast Asia



Energy-Economic Cooperation: Korea – Russia

É Historical review

- > Yakutia Gas Development (1992): Cancelled because of economics
- > Erel Coal Developemt in Saha Republic (1994)
- **Kovykta Project of the TNK-BP, CNPC & Kogas (2003)**
 - É Not approved by Moscow
- Korea-Russia Intergovernmental Gas Agreement (2006)
- > Oil Development Projects
 - West Kamchatka Offshore Oil Development Project: Korean consortium + Rosneft Joint Project (suspended)
- Power Interconnection
 - ["] INTER-RAO & KEPCO negotiation, but difficulty because of North Korean Issues



Slow progress for Korea-Russia energy project: Why?

É Big power's game

- 6 Russia vs Western majors: Operation + Equity
 É Sakhalin II + Kovykta gas projects
- **ó Russia vs China: Price issues**
- **ó Russia vs Japan:** Territorial issues +?
- **6 Gazprom** *vs* **Rosneft:** Oil & gas in East Siberia and Sakhalin
 - É Gazprom's role in gas development in East Siberia & Sakhalin
- \Rightarrow Russia was not ready because of the power games

É Korean side issues

- ó Financial crisis in the late 1990's
- ó No policy for Russian energy
- ó North Korean nuclear issues
- \Rightarrow Korea is too small to drive the project alone.



Energy Cooperation Dilemma/Barriers in Northeast Asia

- High capital requirement for energy development projects
 - Resource-rich countries (Russia) ≠ Capital-rich countries (Japan, Korea, China)
- Lack of Infrastructures and/or Vulnerability
 - **Control Control Contr**
- Resource Nationalism
 - **Policy barrier against foreign investment**
- Energy Rivalry for Importing Countries
- Market uncertainty for energy exporting countries
 - " Russia's effort for diversification of export markets to the Asia-Pacific region
- Asymmetric endowment + interdependency relationship
- Rivalry in energy diplomacy and energy hegemony competition
 - " China and Japan for the ESPO project, Southeast China Sea dispute
 - ["] Conflict between multilateral vs bilateral relationships
- Political uncertainty: Territorial disputes, Korean peninsula issues



Bilateral Cooperation: Korea – Russia

- É Korea-Russia Summit in September 2008
 - Russian PNG (piped natural gas) to Korea passing through North Korea: 7.5 MT/y (2015~)

É Joint feasibility study (2008~'10)

- É Signing natural gas supply contract b/w KOGAS & Gazprom (2010)
- Joint construction and operation of gas/petrochemical industrial complex in Russian Far East

É Joint establishment of model for LNG liquefaction plants and petrochemical industrial complex construction and operation

- Mega-scale Korea-Russia economic cooperation projects

É Total scale of projects: more than US\$ 100 billion

 \Rightarrow Implications

- ➢Encouraging DPRK participation → mitigation of Korean peninsula tension
- >Stimulating other energy development projects in Russia
- >Improve energy security capability in the Asia-Pacific region



Russia's Natural Gas Plan

- Reserves
 - " Irkutsk Center 2.0tcm, Yakutsk Center 1.24tcm, Sakhalin Center 2.09tcm
- Pipelines
 - ["] Sakhalin Khabarovsk Vladivostok : Nov. 2011
 - "Yakutsk center Khabarovsk gas pipeline: after 2016
 - ["] Russia N. Korea S. Korea gas pipeline: 2015 2017





Russia – Korea Natural Gas Cooperation

- Gas Supply from Russia to S. Korea
 - PNG Supply of 10bcm(7.5 million ton) from 2017
- LNG liquefaction and Gas Chemical Complex
 - LNG export terminal (5 million ton/y) in Vladivostok
 - Signing of cooperation agreement between Gazprom and Japanese consortium in 2011 after Fukushima accident
- Cooperation in Pipeline Construction in Far Eastern Russia
- Gas resource development in Far Eastern Russia
 - ^{*} Sakhalin-III: Kirinsky, Yuzhno-Kirinsky
 - ["] Chayanda gas field
 - Kovykta gas field





MoU between Russia and North Korea in September 2011



Tasks ahead for Russian Gas Supply to Korea

History		
Sept. 2008	ÉSigning of MOU between KOGAS and Gazprom at the Summit meeting in Moscow	
June 2009	ÉJoint research agreement on supply of Russian Natural Gas to Korea	
April 2010	ÉCompletion of joint research work between Kogas and Gazprom	
Sept. 2011	ÉSigning of Road Map agreement between Kogas and Gazprom	

Tasks Aheads	
Commercial Negotiation	ÉSigning of HOA(Head of Agreement), SPA(Sales and Purchase Agreement)
Risk Identification and Hedging	 É Arrangement of Financing, É Signing of IGA (Inter Governmental Agreement) among S. Korean, N. Korean and Russian governments <i>plus</i> HGA (Host Government Agreement) between N. Korea and pipeline operator, and GTA (Gas Transportation Agreement) between pipeline operator and Gazprom
Construction	FS (Feasibility Study), FEED (Front End Engineering Design), EPC (Engineering, Procurement & Construction), Commissioning
Supply	ÉCommencement of Gas Supply



Implementation Issues for Korea-Russian gas project

É Challenges

- ó International Financial Crisis
 - Declines in asset values of Russian energy companies
 - ⇒ Financing problem for investment of gas development and pipeline construction?
- ó North Korean Issues
 - > North Korean nuclear weapon and missile tests
 - Crisis of 6 Party Talks
 - \Rightarrow Increased uncertainty for North Korean participation in the project

Shale Gas Revolution in N. America + LNG export potentials from the US \uparrow

 \Rightarrow Less incentives for gas importers to import Russian natural gas

É Approaches

- ó Commercial Cooperation
 - Joint leadership by Russian and Korean companies to encourage North Korean companies' participation
 - \Rightarrow Agreement and Contract at the commercial basis
- ó Multilateral Cooperation
 - > Creating peaceful political environment in the Korean peninsular
 - Relating this project for energy assistant program for North Korea in 6 party talks framework

 \Rightarrow Peace Framework in Northeast Asia



Energy Cooperation Strategy for Korea and Russia

- É Energy Partnership
 - Korea will provide Russia with stable energy demand market *plus* technology and capitals
 - Russia needs to guarantee the long-term stable supply of oil and natural gas to Korea
- É Technology and Investment Cooperation
 - Open energy projects in Russia to Korean Companies to facilitate the projects: Sakhalin-III and Chayanda oil and gas field
 - > Korea's technology advantage for investment in Russia:
- É Develop and Implement Economic Assistance Projects for North Korea
 - > Political-neutral economic projects with strong Russian leadership
 - Multilateral investment framework/approaches
- É Diplomatic/Security Strategy
 - > Task-sharing approach for peace making process in the Korean peninsular
 - É Russia is a chair country of a working group in 6 party talks for peace making mechanism of the Korean peninsular



Conclusions

- É Energy Project will require
 - Long term and high investment period *plus* mutual trusts between participants
 - \Rightarrow Trust establishment among the countries in the region will be important for the implementation of energy projects.
- É Russia-Korea Energy Cooperation Project
 - > Win-Win project for two Korea and Russia
 - ⇒ Great potentials and impacts to contribute peace making process in Northeast Asia
- É Russia's opportunity to increase its roles in regional and global energy markets

> To be tested with energy projects in Northeast Asia



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