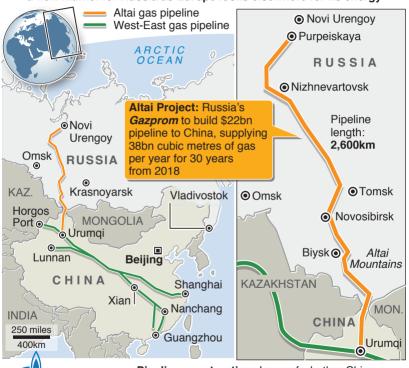
## Russia and China seal historic gas deal

China and Russia have signed a gas deal valued in excess of \$400bn, securing a new source of gas for China, the world's top energy user, and a new market for Russia as Europe looks elsewhere for its energy



**Pipeline construction:** Issue of whether China will pay lump sum up front in order to fund infrastructure costs remains unresolved