Pakistan proceeding with Iran gas pipeline

The removal of economic sanctions on Iran clears the way for work to begin on an ambitious gas pipeline which will bring \$2.5 billion worth of Iranian gas per year to Pakistan's energy-starved economy



Iran-Pakistan (IP) pipeline
Tehran claims 1,170km-long Iranian
section is already complete

785km-long Pakistani section due to begin in Sep 2015. Most of route being built with Chinese help as part of \$2bn project to construct liquified natural gas terminal at Gwadar. Finished pipeline to provide peak of 21 bcm** of gas per year

Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) pipeline
1,735km-long U.S.-backed alternative
to IP route could carry 33 bcm of gas
per year. Pakistan and India to receive
42 percent of gas, with remainder
purchased by Afghanistan. Project
stalled for years due to security
concerns and financing difficulties,
but work could begin by end of 2015

Existing Pakistani gas pipelines

Source: Wire agencies *tcm = trillion cubic metres **bcm = billion cubic metres © GRAPHIC NEWS