

They request license to install oleoducto



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Rick Wojcik and Gerald Leroux, president and vice president of construction respectively, they arrived at the offices of the INE to explain in what their petition consists and the supposed benefits that this will bring to Nicaragua.

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To weigh to the fears you expressed by some ambientalistas and expert in oil matters, the Nicaraguan Institute of Energy (INE) is anuente to permit the construction of an oleoducto that practically will cross Nicaragua from coast to coast.

The INE received yesterday of official form, of part of the business Oleoductos Premier of Nicaragua, the request of a License to build an oleoducto in our country.

Rick Wojcik, international president of the business explained that the oleoducto will have capacity to transport 480 thousand daily barrels of petroleum, originating from Venezuela and directed to the Asian market. The construction requires an investment of some 500 ó 600 million dollars in the country.

The project would enter functions inside two years; the first year would be to fill the requerimientos technical and to carry out an environmental study of impact; and in the following year the construction would be done exactly.

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This it is a project that trasegará flammable among a port of the Caribe —possibly Monkey Point— and the Pacific, therefore the terminals built in each side should comply with the requirements of security, assured Octavio Salinas, executive president of the INE.

It asserted that various aspects of the request will be studied, the first one of which will be to determine if Oleoductos Premier of Nicaragua reúne the international technical norms recognized.

“¿Who is going to operate the system? Is people with experience? We want to see that. They have the



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financial endorsement and that they do not leave the tubing to middle to finish because do not have money? That it is what we go to chequear to protect the interests of Nicaragua, but without being obstacle”, said Salinas.

Besides they ask that be complied with the normative environmental established by Marena. However, once it obtained the license, the business solicitante should also be slope of some “details”, as obtaining a right of way, to determine with Catastro why lands pass, at the same time to obtain permission of the owners of said properties. Then the process of construction. would come ■