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## THE TURBINE WORKS: GERMANY'S SCHOLZ BLAMES RUSSIA IN ENERGY ROW

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German Chancellor Olaf Scholz says Russia has no reason to hold up the return of a gas turbine for the Nord Stream 1 pipeline that was serviced in Canada but has since been stranded in Germany in an escalating energy standoff.

Standing next to the turbine on a factory visit to Siemens Energy in Muelheim an der Ruhr, Scholz said on Wednesday it was fully operational and could be shipped back to Russia at any time provided Moscow was willing to take it back. □

The fate of the 12 metre (29 feet) long turbine has been closely watched as European governments accused Russia of throttling gas supplies on spurious pretexts in revenge for Western sanctions after the invasion of Ukraine in February.

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