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GASPOOL starts as of 1 October 2009

Network operators and gas traders can immediately register for online portal via www.gaspool.de

Berlin. The transport of natural gas becomes easier in Germany as of 1 October 2009: At the same time with the begin of the next gas year the new market area GASPOOL starts. This was announced by the managing directors of the homonymous operating company on the occasion of the going live of GASPOOL's web presence www.gaspool.de. Here network operators as well as gas traders can register as users for the online portal. Also balancing group contracts, which give access to the new virtual trading point GASPOOL Hub can be concluded on the GASPOOL homepage.

Ludger Hümbts, Dr. Ulf Kreienbrock and Ingrid Peters were appointed as managing directors of GASPOOL. You will find further information on the managing directors as well as photos on the Internet www.gaspool.de.

While GASPOOL at the moment is working full speed on preparing all systems for the start date 1 October, a further focus lies on GASPOOL activities with regard to market communications. "Right now we are informing gas traders and network operators who are active in our area about ongoing changes and innovations", says GASPOOL Managing Director Ingrid Peters. "This close coordination with our customers is an important precondition for a successful start of GASPOOL as of 1 October".

GASPOOL is a subsidiary of the pipeline network operators DONG Energy Pipelines GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, ONTRAS – VNG Gastransport GmbH and WINGAS TRANSPORT GmbH & Co. KG, based in Berlin. The purpose of the company is to operate a comprehensive market area for H-gas in Germany. The previous market areas H-Gas Northern Germany, ONTRAS and WINGAS TRANSPORT shall merge to form the GASPOOL market area as of 1 October 2009. By the integration of the market area H-Gas Northern Germany, StatoilHydro Deutschland GmbH is also involved in this market area cooperation.

Further information on www.gaspool.de.