

Press release

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## **GASPOOL to launch second survey on virtual trading point**

As market area manager, GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH will carry out a second survey after 2012 on the virtual trading point (VTP) between June 3 and June 21. The survey will focus on benefits of further developments and improvements of the services offered by the virtual trading point.

GASPOOL expects to obtain valuable feedback for optimizing the trading point even further and encourages people to participate. The interactive questionnaire is available at [www.gaspool.de](http://www.gaspool.de) from June 3, 2013 onwards.

The survey is based on the German Federal Network Agency's decision to reintroduce VTP service charges which was made in 2011. The amount charged is fixed for twelve months at the beginning of each gas year on October 1. The money is invested in further developing the hub and affiliated services and in keeping the VTP operational.

### About the company

Based in Berlin, GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH is a jointly owned subsidiary of GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Nowega GmbH and ONTRAS – VNG Gastransport GmbH.

The purpose of the company is to operate the GASPOOL market area in Germany. The market area encompasses approx. 350 downstream natural gas transport networks.

Due to the integration of the H-Gas Norddeutschland market area, Jordgas Transport GmbH also participates in this market area cooperation.