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## **NetConnect Germany with Changed Management**

On 1 October 2008 the gas transmission companies E.ON Gastransport and bayernets achieved the first nation-wide market area cooperation by setting up NetConnect Germany and merging their H-gas market areas.

Since 7 February 2009 Torsten Frank (36) has been a new Managing Director of NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG, which is based in Düsseldorf (in future in Ratingen). He succeeds Jürgen Fuhlrott, who will in future assume other functions at E.ON Gastransport in connection with the further development of market area cooperation in Germany. Klaus Parringer will remain the other Managing Director.

Torsten Frank has long-standing experience in the gas business, especially in key account management and virtual trading points. Trained as a lawyer, he has held various positions in the E.ON Ruhrgas Group. At present he is in charge of the key account management / transport section of E.ON Gastransport GmbH in Essen.

"Our aim is to make the services of NetConnect Germany even more customerfriendly and market-oriented," Klaus Parringer and Torsten Frank stress. Another important challenge will be hold to successful talks with other market area-wide network operators as partners.

NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG is the company set up by bayernets and E.ON Gastransport for implementing market area cooperation. The H-gas market area of NetConnect Germany, which handles over 50 % of H-gas transported in Germany, is the result of the merger of the market areas of Südbayern and E.ON Gastransport-H.

For more information, please visit: www.net-connect-germany.de

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