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Good prospects for the second gas year

GASPOOL successfully positioned in the market

Berlin. GASPOOL's management drew a positive balance just before the end of the gas year in the market area. "The partnership business model of the GASPOOL cooperation partners has certainly proven its worth, and we are now well positioned for the future," said Ludger Hümb's at the 2nd GASPOOL Customer Forum. More than 120 international traders, transport customers and balancing group managers discussed market developments as well as communication and work processes in Berlin during the event. The dynamic development of the GASPOOL hub is exemplary of the company's successful positioning in the market area. The virtual trading point has developed into Europe's fastest growing gas hub. The trading volume has been increasing in above-average figures since October last year.

GASPOOL is well equipped for the coming winter season. The company has already settled the previous gas year, April included, and the levy account looks pleasantly well-balanced. "The levy for control and compensation energy will remain stable at first because of the significantly lower control energy purchasing since April," says Ludger Hümb's. In addition to the successfully established control energy portal, REPO, GASPOOL also uses its trading on the Leipzig Energy Exchange (EEX) as a flexible procurement option for buying control energy to optimize its procurement sources. GASPOOL's management is unruffled by the challenges to be expected in view of the new Gas Network Access Ordinance: "The quickly established processes and systems function well and provide us with a reliable basis."

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 GASPOOL market area incorporates the previous market areas, H-Gas Northern Germany, ONTRAS and WINGAS TRANSPORT, and includes some 300 downstream natural gas transport networks. Due to the integration of the market area H-Gas Northern Germany, Statoil Deutschland Transport GmbH is also involved in this market area cooperation.