

Press Release

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## **Initial development phase completed: GASPOOL reduces its management**

Berlin. Following completion of initial foundation and development activities, there will now be changes to the GASPOOL management: Dirk Bessau has decided to terminate his employment contract with GASPOOL, by amicable and mutual consent, in order to pursue new professional tasks. He will already withdraw from operational business from February 5. From then on, Stefan Müller-Reinisch will run the business on his own.

Jens Schumann, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, thanked Bessau for his commitment in developing GASPOOL into a major European market area. "As Managing Director of GASPOOL, Dr. Bessau played a significant part in shaping the company during the crucial phase. For this and for a successful working relationship I would like to thank him, also on behalf of the shareholders, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

Over the past three years, GASPOOL in Berlin has been built up into an independent market area manager. All business processes have been successfully transferred to Berlin. In the meantime, the company has 45 employees. Bessau was responsible for the areas of billing, commercial management, legislation and regulation.

### Company

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH is an associated company of GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Nowega GmbH and ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH and is headquartered in Berlin.

The purpose of the company is cultivation of GASPOOL's market area in Germany. The market area comprises around 350 downstream natural gas transport networks. Integration of the market area H-Gas Northern Germany means that Jordgas Transport GmbH is also in the partnership for the market area.