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NetConnect Germany awards balancing gas contract for the supply of extraterritorial networks via the Netherlands

Ratingen (Germany), 22 October 2015. NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) has awarded a balancing gas contract for the supply of extraterritorial networks via the Netherlands for the calendar year 2016. The gas volumes required under the full-supply swing contract, which had previously been tendered, will be delivered by the supplier Wingas GmbH.

The tender was for the delivery of gas quantities at the cross-border interconnection points Dinxperlo and Haanrade located on the German-Dutch border, with deliveries to be made via the Netherlands. Interested suppliers had the opportunity to submit indicative quotes to NCG in the period 6-17 July 2015. "Overall we are very pleased with the market response to this tender. The large number of indicative quotes has allowed us to select the most cost-effective offer and thus to safeguard the interests of market participants," says Torsten Frank, a director of NCG, in a statement on the tender results.

NCG ran the tender to secure the possibility of supplier switching at end user level whilst continuing to meet market liberalisation requirements in compliance with the German federal regulator's administrative rulings "GABi Gas" on gas balancing and "GeLi Gas" on supplier switching. In choosing this approach NCG ensures that the network areas Suderwick/Hemden and Haanrade can be integrated into the NCG market area despite their having no physical connection to the German gas network, and thus enables suppliers to supply customers located in these network areas via the NCG market area. Gas deliveries to end users in the relevant network areas were not part of the scope of the tender.

NetConnect Germany handles the operational management of the market area cooperation between bayernets GmbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, Thyssengas GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH and terranets bw GmbH. Its gas market area, which stretches from the North Sea coast down to the Alps, is the largest German market area, with around two thirds of all end-user gas volumes in Germany being transported via the NCG market area.

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