

## Press release

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### **NetConnect Germany awards contracts for the supply of extraterritorial networks via the Netherlands**

**Ratingen, 1 October 2018.** NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) has awarded two contracts for the supply of certain extraterritorial networks. The gas to be delivered under the two contracts, which had previously been put out to tender, will be supplied by OMV Gas Marketing & Trading GmbH and Uniper Global Commodities SE, respectively.

Tenders had been invited for the provision of gas quantities via the Netherlands at the cross-border interconnection point Tegelen located on the German-Dutch border, with delivery to be made in the period from November 2018 up to and including March 2019, as well as at the German-Dutch cross-border interconnection points Dinxperlo and Haanrade, with delivery here to be made in the period from January up to and including December 2019. Interested suppliers had the opportunity to submit indicative bids to NCG from 7 to 21 June 2018 as well as from 25 July to 8 August 2018, respectively.

The aim of the tender exercise was to secure the possibility of supplier switching at end user level whilst continuing to meet market liberalisation requirements. In choosing this approach NCG ensures that the network areas downstream from the cross-border interconnection points Tegelen, Dinxperlo 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. The NCG market area, which stretches from the North Sea coast down to the Alps, is the largest in Germany, with a high-pressure pipeline network totalling around 20,000 kilometres in length and connecting more than 500 downstream networks.

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