

Press Release

Launching of Plan Approval Procedure: New High Pressure Gas Pipeline MONACO 1 to stretch from Burghausen to Finsing

Munich, 6 June 2014. – The Administration of Upper Bavaria has opened the Plan Approval Procedure for the construction of a high pressure gas pipeline by *bayernets* GmbH. The pipeline should run from Burghausen to Finsing. With the new pipeline TSO *bayernets* aims to develop its supraregional gas transmission network and optimise cross border gas exchange with a view to meeting future gas shipping capacity needs in Southern Germany. The underground pipeline, which has a diameter of 1,200 mm and a total length of approx. 86 km, should be routed through the districts of Altötting, Mühldorf am Inn and Erding.

Plans will be available for public viewing at the local administration offices of the relevant towns and communities from 10 June up to and including 9 July 2014. They can also be found on the website of the Upper Bavarian Administration at www.regierung.oberbayern.bayern.de from 10 June 2014 and on the bayernets GmbH homepage at www.bayernets.de.

Construction of the new pipeline should safeguard existing and future gas shipping capacity needs in the network area of *bayernets* GmbH. In addition, MONACO 1 will facilitate future gas transmission from the large gas storage facilities in Southern Bavaria and Austria that are connected to the *bayernets* grid to Baden-Württemberg. Moreover, network stability and network flexibility will be guaranteed thus increasing the security of supply in Southern Germany. The Bavarian TSO will then be in a position to provide a reliable supply of gas for new and existing systemically relevant power stations, i.e. power plants which are indispensable for the supply of energy. All in all, MONACO 1 will make a central contribution to meeting the increasing demand for natural gas in Germany and Europe by connecting national and international transmission pipelines.

The public in every community affected by the pipeline construction was informed by *bayernets* GmbH about the construction plans throughout last year and at the beginning of 2014. It is currently intended to begin with construction at the beginning of 2016. According to current plans, *bayernets* GmbH aims to begin operating the high pressure gas pipeline MONACO 1 at the end of 2017.

Plans are available for viewing at the following town and community administration offices.

Distict of Altötting:

Burghausen, Community of Burgkirchen an der Alz, Community of Garching an der Alz, Community of Haiming, Administration Offices at Unterneukirchen for the Communities of Kastl and Unterneukirchen, Administration Offices at Emmerting for the Community of Mehring, Administration Offices at Marktl for the Market Town of Marktl.

District Mühldorf am Inn:

Waldkraiburg, Market Town of Haag in Upper Bavaria, Aschau am Inn, Administration Offices at Gars am Inn for the Market Town of Gars am Inn, Administration Offices at Polling for the Communities of Oberneukirchen and Polling, Administration Offices at Reichertsheim for the Communities of Kirchdorf and Reichertsheim.

District Erding:

Market Town of Isen, Community of Finsing, Community of Forstern, Community of St. Wolfgang, Administration Offices at Hörlkofen for the Communities of Wörth, Administration Offices at Oberneuching for the Communities of Neuching and Ottenhofen, Administration Offices at Pastetten for the Communités of Buch am Buchrain and Pastetten.

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About bayernets GmbH

Committed to protecting our environment *bayernets* GmbH, Munich, supplies natural gas through a 1,333 km long high-pressure pipeline in Bavaria. With a network area of 32,000 square kilometres and an average pipeline diameter of DN 500, the company is one of the largest gas pipeline operators in Germany. *bayernets* has 45 downstream grid operators, 11 of these connected directly with its pipeline system.

bayernets operates in the east of Bavaria with its own import capacities at the important cross-border point Burghausen/Überackern in the European gas network system and provides a secure gas supply in the south to Tyrol via Kiefersfelden and Pfronten. As a strong partner in the gas market area cooperation NetConnect Germany, *bayernets* connects the German gas transmission system in the south east through entry and exit points to the Austrian pipeline system. In this way *bayernets* offers its shippers a gate to the East European gas market.

The Munich company is an active market partner and is playing a significant part in the future development of a national and European gas pipeline infrastructure, among other things in its role in the Vereinigung der Fernleitungsnetzbetreiber Gas e.V. (FNB Gas) and in the European Network of Transmission System Operators (ENTSOG).