

Press Release

High-pressure gas pipeline MONACO 1: *bayernets* GmbH and Bavarian Farmers' Association sign general agreement

Munich, 13 August 2014. – *bayernets* GmbH and the Bavarian Farmers' Association (District Association responsible for Upper Bavaria) have signed a common general agreement for agricultural land which will be affected by the construction of the planned high-pressure gas pipeline MONACO 1. This agreement stipulates what conditions and compensation rates will apply for agricultural land which should be needed for the building of the pipeline. *bayernets* will integrate this general agreement into the so-called "restricted personal easement" and make arrangements with owners regarding the land in question. This general agreement also defines compensation for land, crop and forestry damage which can occur as a consequence of the construction works. These settlement payments will be negotiated separately with the respective owners or tenants of the land. The general agreement describes the construction process, the careful handling of the ground and the way in which a possible negative impact on the land after the construction phase will be dealt with. *bayernets* GmbH will appoint a contact person especially designated to the operators of the agricultural land for the duration of the construction works.

bayernets plans the construction of a natural gas transmission pipeline which will stretch from Burghausen to Finsing. With its new pipeline MONACO 1 *bayernets* GmbH aims to develop its cross-regional gas transmission system in order to meet shipping capacity needs in Southern Germany and to optimise cross-border gas exchange. The underground pipeline with a diameter of 1,200 millimetres and a total length of approx. 86 kilometres is planned to run through the districts of Altötting, Mühldorf am Inn and Erding.

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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 (ENTSO-G).