

## Press Release

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### **Construction of the natural gas pipeline MONACO: tunneling works under the Inn and Innwerk canal have been successfully completed**

**Munich, 5 September 2017.** – *bayernets* GmbH has successfully completed the tunneling works under the Inn and Innwerk canal. The tunnel is 696 metres long and located in the district of Mühldorf am Inn. The end of the tunnel was successfully cut through on 31 August 2017. The tunnel drilling machine has been lifted from the ditch at the end of the tunnel in the area of Markt Kraiburg am Inn. On completion of the tunnel, the pipelines will be laid and connection works to the two other pipeline sections will be undertaken. The tunneling is a part of the construction works of the MONACO pipeline from Burghausen to Finsing. Commissioning of the MONACO pipeline is planned for autumn 2018.

The underground pipeline will run through the districts of Altötting, Mühldorf am Inn and Erding in the administrative region of Upper Bavaria. It will have a total length of approx. 87 kilometres and a nominal diameter of DN 1200. Further information about the MONACO pipeline is available at <http://monaco.bayernets.de> (in German).

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#### About *bayernets* GmbH

Committed to protecting our environment *bayernets* GmbH, Munich, supplies natural gas through a 1,412 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 47 downstream grid operators, 12 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).