

Press Release

Securing the supply of natural gas: *bayernets* begins with constructing the compressor station Wertingen

Munich, 20 September 2017. – *bayernets* GmbH will begin construction works to erect the compressor station Wertingen in the area of Prettelshofen (in the district of Dillingen an der Donau) on 25 September 2017. The compressor station Wertingen will be located at an connection point where the already existing gas pipelines “Nordumgehung” (i.e. Amerdingen-Wertingen-Anwalting-Finsing) and CEL (Vohburg-Wertingen-Senden) connect. Building permission was granted in the spring of 2017. For 2018, it is planned to erect the compressor building that houses the compressor units. The installation of the compressor units themselves and the completion of the mechanical works will follow in 2019 and commissioning is planned for the end of 2019.

As a transmission system operator *bayernets* GmbH is actively involved in the further development of the natural gas transmission system in Germany based on the needs of the market. The compressor station Wertingen is an integral part of the Network Development Plan Gas and will secure the future supply of gas shipping capacity in the network area of *bayernets* and in adjacent network areas. *bayernets* GmbH thereby will enable shippers and regional suppliers to meet the demand for natural gas in Southern Germany. The compressor station Wertingen will provide increased shipping capacity between the transmission system operators Open Grid Europe GmbH, terranets bw GmbH and *bayernets* as well as the Austrian underground storage facilities 7Fields and Haidach.

“With the compressor station Wertingen, *bayernets* GmbH and Open Grid Europe GmbH are making an important contribution to the security of supply in Southern Germany”, explains Rainer Dumke, Managing Director of *bayernets* GmbH. The compressor station comprises three compressor units and will have a system capacity of 11 megawatts per compressor unit respectively. The transmission system operator *bayernets* GmbH and Open Grid Europe will have invested 107 million euros by 2019, *bayernets*’ share amounting to 55 percent and Open Grid Europe GmbH’s amounting to 45 percent. Both companies are shareholders in the gas pipeline “Nordumgehung”.

Firstly, road access to the construction site will be prepared. At the site, both a service building and a compressor building will be erected. Office and workshop facilities will be set up next to the construction site for the duration of the construction works.

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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 (ENTSOE).