

Press Release

bayernets GmbH: Technical Security Management (TSM) and Information Security Management System (ISMS) successfully certified

Munich, 20 March 2018. – *bayernets* GmbH has had its Technical Security Management (TSM) successfully certified for the third time. With the TSM Certificate, the DVGW (German Association for Gas and Water Applications) certifies the secure and reliable operation of the transmission system operator's technical systems. The TSM certification procedure is repeated every five years.

“For *bayernets*, the TSM Certificate issued by the DVGW is an important attestation of the high quality of our company's technical standards. Technical Security Management is the basis for ensuring legal certainty regarding the structure and process organisation of our company”, says Rainer Dumke, Managing Director of *bayernets* GmbH.

In addition to this, *bayernets* GmbH has also been successfully certified by TÜV Rheinland for its Information Security Management System (ISMS). As a Transmission System Operator, the company thus fulfils all the security requirements set out in the stipulations of the IT Security Catalogue of the Federal Network Agency. *bayernets* ensures appropriate protection against threats posed to the telecommunications and electronic data processing systems needed for safe and efficient grid operation.

“It is of utmost importance to *bayernets* as an operator of a systemically relevant infrastructure to protect systems and data from unauthorised access. Our company and all our employees play an integral role in maintaining the highest of IT security standards”, emphasises Managing Director Rainer Dumke.

The national IT Security Act constitutes the legal basis for introducing an ISMS in accordance with DIN ISO/IEC 27001, 27002 and 27019. Along with other grid operators, *bayernets* GmbH, as a transmission system operator, was called upon to implement an IT Security Catalogue drawn up by the Federal Network Agency that was based on this legal foundation and to install an ISMS. *bayernets* GmbH was successfully certified by TÜV Rheinland in the middle of December 2017. The ISMS is audited annually and certification is repeated every three years.

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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/Überacker 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).