

## **Press Release**

## After over eleven successful years in the management team of *bayernets* GmbH: Rainer Dumke will end his working life as Managing Director on 30 November 2018 and begin his well-earned retirement



**Munich, 31 July 2018.** – Rainer Dumke is the founding Managing Director of *bayernets* GmbH and has been significantly shaping the course of the Southern Bavarian transmission system operator ever since. Having now reached retirement age and in agreement with the Supervisory Board, Rainer Dumke will end his career as Managing Director of *bayernets* GmbH on 30 November 2018, after eleven successful years.

Under the leadership of Rainer Dumke

- *bayernets* GmbH founded the market area NetConnect Germany together with Open Grid Europe GmbH in the year 2008,
- *bayernets* GmbH became certified as an independent transmission system operator in the year 2012,
- *bayernets* GmbH implemented the major MONACO project to construct an 87 km long high pressure gas pipeline between Burghausen and Finsing and
- installed the first compressor systems on its transmission system.

Mr Günter Bauer, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of *bayernets* GmbH: "On behalf of the whole Supervisory Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr Dumke for his successful commitment and dedication and wish him all the best for his retirement." The Supervisory Board has decided that there should be no successor for Rainer Dumke and that Dr Matthias Jenn will act as sole Managing Director for *bayernets* GmbH from 1 December 2018.



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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).