

Press Release

For the Security of Supply: *bayernets* completes the MONACO natural gas pipeline

Munich, 19 December 2018. – *bayernets* GmbH has successfully completed the natural gas pipeline MONACO from Burghausen to Finsing. The MONACO pipeline was commissioned in the middle of December 2018 and is now ready to transport natural gas.

The underground pipeline has a total length of approx. 87 kilometres and leads through the districts of Altötting, Mühldorf am Inn and Erding in the administrative region of Upper Bavaria. The pipeline has a nominal width of DN 1200. With its construction the transmission system operator *bayernets* has invested around 200 million euros in the Bavarian gas infrastructure in total. Further information (in German) regarding the MONACO pipeline is provided by *bayernets* GmbH at <http://monaco.bayernets.de>.

“As an integral part of the Network Development Plan Gas, the MONACO natural gas pipeline is of central importance to the security of supply in Southern Germany. As a whole, the MONACO pipeline will contribute significantly to meeting the increasing demand for natural gas shipping capacity in Germany and Europe by connecting national and international transmission systems to the east and to the west“, explains Dr. Matthias Jenn, Managing Director of *bayernets* GmbH.

Special construction measures include laying a length of pipeline approx. 1,200 m long in wet areas of the rivers Sempt and Schwillach in the district of Erding, tunneling with a length of approx. 700 m under the Inn and Innwerkkanal near Kraiburg am Inn in the district of Mühldorf am Inn, the crossing of the Alz including the Alzkanal in the district of Altötting as well as pipeline installation in the area of Mörnbachtal, also with a length of approx. 700 m, in the districts of Altötting and Mühldorf am Inn.

Along the pipeline route, renaturalisation measures are planned to last throughout the first six months of 2019. Renaturalisation means that unrestricted agricultural use of the land used for the installation of the pipeline will be ensured. In addition to this, the roads and tracks will be restored in close consultation with the responsible communities and transport authorities.

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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).