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Gas industry launches new printed magazine “g”

The title highlights the role of gas in the energy system of the future

Berlin, 5 June 2019. For the first time, the German gas industry is publishing its own printed magazine under the name “g”. Twice a year, the publication will provide information on current developments and background in the gas industry through reports, opinion pieces, interviews and photo galleries. The magazine will be published by Zukunft ERDGAS with support by Wintershall Dea, VNG AG and Open Grid Europe.

In view of the agreed exit from coal and nuclear power, Germany faces an upheaval in its energy supply. On the path to the 2050 climate target, it's clear that renewable energies alone will not be sufficient to reliably cover the energy needs in the electricity, heating and transport sector at all times. In the first issue of “g”, the gas industry therefore highlights the contribution gas can make to both supply security and climate protection.

“In ‘g’ we provide answers to a number of the most urgent questions of our time, including: How can climate protection and secure energy supply be achieved cost-efficiently at the same time – and already today? From sector coupling and the role of gas as a back-up to a carbon price – in the first issue we already touch on current topics in the energy transition that impact politics, industry and research alike”, explains Dr Timm Kehler, Chairman of Germany's natural gas industry initiative Zukunft ERDGAS.

The reader can expect entertaining and informative formats: Among others things, the first issue provides an overview of the possibilities for the production of green gas, a report on the infrastructure projects Nord Stream 2 and the planned LNG terminal in Wilhelmshaven as well as an interview with Norway's Energy Minister Kjell-Borge Freiberg. The magazine also takes a look beyond Germany's borders, towards the hydrogen pioneer Japan. Furthermore, photo galleries, quotes, infographics and illustrations provide a welcome change while reading the almost 50 pages.

“We need a strong voice for natural gas! A voice that shows that we don't need less, but rather more gas – not despite the European climate targets, but specifically to reach these targets. A voice that provides impetus, inspires and shows how natural gas is anchored in the energy system of the future, today, tomorrow and beyond. This voice will be ‘g’”, says Michael Sasse, Senior Vice President Corporate Communications at Wintershall Dea.

The first issue of “g” can be downloaded from www.glesen.de.

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About Zukunft ERDGAS e.V.

Zukunft ERDGAS is an initiative of Germany's natural gas industry. It represents the brand and product of natural gas and is the contact point for consumers, policymakers and market partners. Together with its member companies, Zukunft ERDGAS seeks to utilise the potential of the affordable, environmentally friendly and innovative energy source natural gas to further drive the energy transition, today and in the future. Zukunft ERDGAS is supported by leading companies in the natural gas sector. Industry associations and heating suppliers support the initiative as partners. For more information, please visit www.zukunft-erdgas.de

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VNG concentrates on three links in the gas value chain: Trading & Sales, Transport, and Storage. Building on these core competences in the gas business, the Group's "VNG 2030+" strategy places a growing focus on new business fields. These include biogas, digital infrastructure, and district solutions. More: www.vng.de

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