

Press Release

12 apprentices start training at VNG

Technical and commercial training in the energy industry

Leipzig, August 14, 2009. 12 young people have started their apprenticeships in technical and commercial professions at Verbundnetz Gas Aktiengesellschaft (VNG). Training in the commercial professions offered by VNG in the 2009/10 academic year includes apprenticeships as industrial clerks, information technology clerks and office clerks. In the technical field, VNG offers apprenticeships as industrial electricians and mechatronics technicians. The industrial electrician training is part of a “Bachelor of Engineering” dual studies program at Hochschule für Technik und Kultur (HTWK) Leipzig. VNG introduced the mechatronics technician training course for the first time in 2008 and is already training four apprentices in this profession this year. The practical training in both technical professions is arranged by the cooperation partner Stadtwerke Leipzig GmbH. In total, 40 apprentices are currently training at VNG.

“Our aim is to provide excellent training for our young employees. And it is of course in our interests to continue employing these young people once they have qualified,” Prof. Gerhardt Wolff, Deputy Chairman of the VNG Executive Board and Board Member for Commercial Affairs/Human Resources, commented. “In recent years we have been able to offer employment contracts to all apprentices who have completed their training. That is an achievement we are proud of.”

VNG also offers numerous opportunities for graduates from universities and other higher education institutions to work in the energy industry and for the company. These opportunities include 15- and 18-month trainee programs in various departments at VNG and its subsidiaries. 28 trainees currently participate in these programs and it is planned to raise the number to 40.

Information on apprenticeships starting in 2010 and on the trainee program is available from the careers page of our website at www.vng.de

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