

## Press Release

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### **VNG subsidiary GDMcom celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**Leipzig, September 25, 2009.** GDMcom Gesellschaft für Dokumentation und Telekommunikation mbH celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary today. In 1999, the documentation department of VNG – Verbundnetz Gas Aktiengesellschaft (VNG) was spun off to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company. The telecommunication services department followed one year later. In 2005, the company expanded its business fields to include software solutions for pipeline operators by founding its own subsidiary called GEOMAGIC.

The services provided by GDMcom include the compilation and management of technical documentation on pipelines and gas plant. “GDMcom continues to plan and build cable, telemetry and telecommunication facilities as well as wide area networks and to operate and maintain these systems,” Managing Director Christian Albrecht Kunz said.

In 2008 GDMcom generated annual sales of 13.1 million euros from services provided to suppliers, telecommunication network operators and industry. “When it was set up ten years ago, our subsidiary had a workforce of 54. Today, 136 employees operate from seven locations in Germany. Since 1999, over 143,000 external planning enquiries have been processed and more than 12,000 telecommunication plant and network failures remedied. That is an impressive achievement which deserves recognition today,” Prof. Dr. Gerhardt Wolff, Deputy Chairman and Member of the VNG Executive Board for Commercial Affairs/Human Resources, commented.

On the occasion of the anniversary, Managing Director Thoralf Obst presented a cheque for 3,000 euros to Elternhilfe für krebskranke Kinder e. V., an association that helps parents whose children are suffering from cancer which the Leipzig-based service provider has been supporting for several years, in the presence of Uwe Albrecht, Mayor and Councillor for Industry and Labour of the city of Leipzig, and Prof. Dr. Gerhardt Wolff.

Further information on the company, its products and services is available from [www.gdmcom.de](http://www.gdmcom.de).

*VNG – Verbundnetz Gas AG (VNG) is an international group of companies and a reliable supplier of natural gas from Norwegian, Russian and other sources to major users and municipal distributors in Europe. VNG has been active in the gas industry for over 50 years. Today, VNG is Germany’s third largest gas importer and ranks among Europe’s top ten. In 2008, VNG with its workforce of roughly 640 employees delivered 171.4 billion kWh of gas and generated sales of 5.5 billion euros. For further information, please go to [www.vng.de](http://www.vng.de)*