

## Press Release

*Dr. Holtmeier (VNG) / SHKG / Heating technology*

### **VNG issues invitation to first innovation day at SHKG 2009**

- **1:30 p.m.: podium discussion SHKGforum**
- **2:15 p.m.: tour of appliance manufacturers plus technical presentations**

**Leipzig, October 27, 2009.** The first innovation day at SHKG 2009 – the exhibition for sanitation, heating, air-conditioning and building automation in Leipzig: the innovation day on October 28 is a joint project involving VNG – Verbundnetz Gas Aktiengesellschaft (VNG) and appliance manufacturers from the heating industry. The event addresses trade visitors such as craftsmen and architects and begins with a podium discussion about current developments on the heating market. The moderator is Dr. Jochen Arthkamp, Managing Director of ASUE (Arbeitsgemeinschaft für sparsamen und umweltfreundlichen Energieverbrauch e.V.). The podium members are Dr. Gerhard Holtmeier, VNG Executive Board Member for Gas Sales/Technical Affairs, Dr. Hans Michael Dimanski, Managing Director, Fachverband SHK Sachsen-Anhalt, and Andreas Lücke, Managing Director, BDH Bundesindustrieverband Deutschland Haus-, Energie und Umwelttechnik e.V. The podium discussion will be followed by a tour of the exhibition with short technical presentations at the Vaillant, Buderus, Wolf, Weishaupt, Junkers, Brötje and Viessmann stands for a mutual exchange on current trends in heating technology.

VNG AG is strongly committed to innovative heating technologies in the field of co-generation systems and gas heat pumps. These technologies are used in one- and two-family homes and in larger commercial and industrial systems. VNG conducts field trials in cooperation with partners and supports the future market launch of small decentralized plants. In this context, cooperation with heating appliance manufacturers and the heating trade is an important criterion for VNG AG.

“The combination of natural gas and a co-generation plant is ideal for consumers and the environment,” Dr. Gerhard Holtmeier said. “A co-generation plant is an efficient system for simultaneously generating heat and power. Using natural gas or biomethane cuts CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by up to 60 percent. This efficient and environmentally-friendly method of generating energy can reduce energy consumption by approximately one-third compared with conventional energy supplies.”

VNG and Stadtwerke Leipzig GmbH have a joint stand in Hall 3, Stand F 07.

#### SHKG 2009 – October 28 – 30, 2009

Date: October 28, 2009

Time: 1:30 – 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Podium discussion SHKGforum: Hal 3, Stand F 19

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