

Press release

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VNG fosters young careers and offers long-term prospects

VNG presents information on career prospects at the Absolventenmesse Mitteldeutschland 2009 held at Congress Center Leipzig.

Leipzig, November 2, 2009. At the Absolventenmesse Mitteldeutschland 2009 graduate careers fair, VNG – Verbundnetz Gas Aktiengesellschaft (VNG) will be presenting its career entry opportunities on November 3. At the VNG stand in the Congress Center Leipzig, students and graduates of universities and other higher education establishments will be able to obtain information on internship openings and the trainee program of the internationally active natural gas wholesaler from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Since 2006, VNG has intensified recruitment of new, especially younger employees. "The demands faced by our employees have grown as a result of the development and expansion of new business areas in other European countries. We have adapted to these new challenges by actively improving recruitment prospects for young specialists," explained Christopher Seibel, Head of Human Resources at VNG. This year, some 48 university students, people working on their dissertations and high-school students have completed an internship with VNG or one of its affiliates. Currently, there are seven students working for VNG. Frequently, students who have completed internships are subsequently employed as student assistants or trainees. 33 graduates are currently participating in a 15 or 18-month traineeship with VNG. In 2008, 22 of 31 trainees were offered permanent employment.

The graduate careers fair is organized by Wirtschaftsinitiative für Mitteldeutschland (the Industrial Initiative for Central Germany). Members of the Initiative include companies such as VNG, chambers of commerce and municipalities in Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia who are committed to the sustained development of their industrial region. The careers fair is intended to arouse enthusiasm for the region among as many young specialists as possible from the whole of Germany.

Information on employment openings, internships and the trainee program of VNG can be found in the "Career" section of the VNG website at www.vng.de.

Absolventenmesse Mitteldeutschland 2009

Date: November 3, 2009, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: Congress Center Leipzig, Level 1+, VNG Stand no. 19

A VNG employee will report on the business activities of VNG in Germany and other countries at 1 p.m. in Hall 4.

VNG – Verbundnetz Gas AG (VNG) is an international group of companies and a reliable supplier of natural gas from Russian, Norwegian 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.