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Tiessen takes over from Heuchert on Supervisory Board

Leipzig, December 10, 2009. The general meeting of VNG – Verbundnetz Gas Aktiengesellschaft (VNG) yesterday appointed Dr. Ties Tiessen, member of the Board of Executive Directors of Wintershall Holding AG, to the Supervisory Board of VNG with immediate effect.

Dr. Tiessen succeeds Dr. Karsten Heuchert, who resigned from his post on the VNG Supervisory Board following yesterday's Supervisory Board meeting. Dr. Heuchert will become a member of the Executive Board of VNG and the company's new Chairman on September 1, 2010.

VNG – Verbundnetz Gas Aktiengesellschaft (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.

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