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GDMcom wins service contract for Dow fibre optic cable network from January 2010

GDMcom Gesellschaft für Dokumentation und Telekommunikation mbH (GDMcom) to service Dow Olefinverbund GmbH (Dow) fibre optic cable systems.

Dow Olefinverbund GmbH has awarded GDMcom a contract for the service and maintenance of its fibre optic cable systems. The contract comes into effect on January 1, 2010 and has an initial term of five years. The network in question has a length of some 1,650 kilometres. It is used for transmission purposes and connects all Dow pipeline stations and the communication channels of downstream and upstream production operations. The Dow pipeline system delivers chemical raw materials and basic chemicals to customers. The Dow facility in Böhlen is responsible for the central control and monitoring of the pipelines which are subject to very high safety and availability specifications. "Our service support network guarantees short response and maintenance times, thereby safeguarding high availability and secure supplies," GDMcom Managing Director Thoralf Obst commented.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of VNG – Verbundnetz Gas Aktiengesellschaft, GDMcom Gesellschaft für Dokumentation und Telekommunikation mbH provides services in the field of communications, cable and IT technology, performs tasks associated with the documentation of pipelines and plant, advises on pipeline rights of way and supports its customers in requirement engineering, project management and the development of IT solutions for network operators.

Dow Olefinverbund GmbH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company, a global corporation. In central Germany, the subsidiary employs 2,300 people at four locations in Saxony-Anhalt and Saxony.

Dow Olefinverbund GmbH has an extensive portfolio of plastic products and is the largest plastics producer in the states in eastern Germany as well as manufacturing numerous basic materials. Dow products are used by almost all branches of industry in high-quality products and everyday consumer goods.

For further information on the companies and their products, please go to www.gdmcom.de and www.dow.com.

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