

PRESS RELEASE

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Luther advises Gas-Union on participation in Trianel gas storage cavern in Epe

Dusseldorf, 14 February 2011 – Luther advised Gas-Union GmbH (Gas-Union) in connection with its participation in the cavern storage facility of Trianel Gasspeicher Epe GmbH & Co. KG. Gas-Union will acquire a 10% partnership interest in the cavern from Trianel GmbH (Trianel).

Gas-Union will be the storage facility company's 15th partner. As a result of the transaction, Trianel's interest in the gas storage facility will decrease to approx. 7.6%. After the transfer of the partnership interest, Gas-Union will share the financial burden of the project-financed storage facility on a pro rata basis.

Trianel's gas storage facility is situated in Epe, where around one third of the German gas reserves can be stored. The Epe gas storage caverns, which are in the vicinity of Gronau, are particularly advantageous due to their proximity to the Netherlands and their connection to the large gas pipelines. The investments in the fourth cavern, which was commissioned in 2010, and the extension of the existing caverns alone amounted to approx. EUR 130m.

The Frankfurt-based company Gas-Union is a retailer for natural gas in the German market and has a gas transmission network in Hesse and the neighbouring German states, as well as a cavern storage facility in Reckrod, Hesse. Due to its interests in the four caverns in Epe

(Westphalia), the gas company is in a position to optimise the purchase of gas for its retail activities.

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