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Press release

Gas Connect Austria completes vital supply pipeline for Vienna

As Austria heads into the cold winter months, the country's largest transmission system operator Gas Connect Austria has announced the completion of a key pipeline that will supply the Vienna area and the Schwechat refinery with natural gas. The 3.3-km pipeline links the EVN transfer point in Schwechat with that of Wien Energie in Mannswörth.

Expressing satisfaction with the conclusion of this large construction scheme, Gas Connect Austria project manager Georg Leonhart said: "The most challenging aspect of the project was the pipeline route, which runs through the Concorde Business Park and the Schwechat refinery. Minimising the impact on the refinery's operations and the areas close to the site was a top priority. The new pipeline is already in service, and will make a key contribution to the Austrian capital's security of supply. We would like to thank all of the companies that played their part in what is a vital project for the region for their excellent work."

Pipeline route and technical details

The new pipeline runs parallel to the B10 road from Schwechat, via the Concorde Business Park and the Schwechat refinery, to Mannswörth. It is 500mm in diameter and has a capacity of 290,000 cubic metres per hour – equivalent to the annual consumption of around one million households.

Background information

Gas Connect Austria GmbH

Gas Connect Austria, a wholly owned subsidiary of OMV Gas & Power GmbH, is the country's largest transmission system operator, with around 400 employees. Besides marketing transport capacity in Austria and abroad, the company maintains smooth and reliable operation of Austria's 2,000-km high-pressure gas pipeline network. It operates the physical hub in Baumgarten an der March, near the Slovak border, which is the central crossroads of the Austrian transmission network. Baumgarten is Austria's largest gas import and reception point, and one of Central Europe's most important gas hubs. It dispatches incoming gas supplies to domestic distribution networks, and to Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Slovenia. Existing gas infrastructure is regularly inspected, maintained and modernised with a view to maximising security of supply. Gas Connect Austria offers a comprehensive range of logistics services tailored to the requirements of market participants in Austria and abroad. In its role as market area manager, the company is responsible for coordinating natural gas transportation in Austria.

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