



## PRESS RELEASE

### **GATRAC offers interruptible Bundled Day-Ahead Capacity New product line available at Deutschneudorf/Hora Svaté Kateriny-Sayda**

**6. June 2011** – From today, the German-Czech joint venture GATRAC offers an interruptible capacity product at the interconnection point Deutschneudorf/Hora Svaté Kateriny-Sayda. Customers can choose „interruptible“ at the GATRAC platform only if there is no firm capacity available with ONTRAS.

The Interruptible Bundled Day Ahead Capacity Product is available on a daily basis only. It is possible to book for both directions via the interconnection point Hora Svaté Kateriny connecting the GASPOOL Hub and the Czech Virtual Trading Point as far as there is no firm capacity available. The minimum booking amount is 1 kWh/h.

Interruptible capacity will be allocated and dealt with the same way as firm capacity according to the first come - first serve principle.

The GATRAC marketplace opened by NET4GAS and ONTRAS way back in 2007, providing dealers coordinated products and services for cross-border gas transport between Germany and the Czech Republic. The cross-border capacity products offered on the GATRAC marketplace are ONTRAS', NET4GAS and GRTgaz joint contribution to further harmonising the European gas market. This project is the very model of a successful European joint venture, and will continue to grow and develop.

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**ONTRAS – VNG Transport** is a national gas pipeline logistics provider for the European grid, with headquarters in Leipzig. ONTRAS operates Germany's second largest gas grid, comprised of over 7,200 km of pipeline and 500 interconnection points, and markets this capacity.

As one of the operators covering the largest geographic area in the GASPOOL market, ONTRAS and more than 130 downstream network operators organise gas transport within their territory.

**NET4GAS** is a reliable, strong and secure long-distance gas pipeline network operator who guarantees domestic and foreign partners availability of the transport capacity they need. All gas distributors are guaranteed non-discriminatory access to the gas transport system. NET4GAS s.r.o transports natural gas in the Czech Republic using a pipeline network that is 3,642 kilometres in length.

**GRTgaz Deutschland** runs GDF SUEZ S.A.'s section of the MEGAL pipeline system, one of Western Europe's largest pipelines for importing Russian natural gas. As an independent network operator, GRTgaz greatly supports deregulation of the energy markets. GRTgaz affords customers non-discriminatory, effective and fair access to its natural gas transport network.

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