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OGE and Thyssengas put ZEELINK compressor station near Legden into operation

As the final component of the ZEELINK project, the Legden compressor station in Münsterland went into operation today. Compressor stations are essential for moving large quantities of gas over long distances. ZEELINK is an important gas transmission pipeline for security of supply in North Rhine-Westphalia. It runs from the Belgian-German border near Lichtenbusch to Sankt Hubert near Krefeld and on to Legden. At the invitation of ZEELINK project partners OGE and Thyssengas, Nathanael Liminski, Minister for Federal and European Affairs and Media of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, attended the official commissioning of the compressor station.

"The ZEELINK compressor station near Legden will play an important role in the stable and reliable supply of our of gas to customers connected to our network. This applies in the context of changing transmission routes from North-West Europe as well as for the upcoming conversion of natural gas transmission systems to hydrogen. With ZEELINK, OGE and Thyssengas have created an essential energy connection. It ensures that energy is available in the right place at the right time – natural gas today and hydrogen in the future," said Dr Thomas Hübener, CEO of OGE.

Dr Thomas Gößmann, Chairman of the Management Board of Thyssengas, added: "Even after so many years as an engineer in the industry, I am still fascinated by modern and future-oriented plants like this one here in Legden. Innovation is part of the gas TSOs' business model. This is an ultra-modern pipeline system that is absolutely future-proof. Its reliability is a crucial component of an increasingly green gas infrastructure and therefore also the backbone of the energy transition."

Minister for Europe attends commissioning on site

During the official commissioning, NRW Minister Nathanael Liminski was able to gain a comprehensive overview of the station, which was



completed on schedule. One of its impressive features is its particularly energy-efficient technology, which renders complex post-treatment of exhaust gases obsolete.

European Minister Nathanael Liminski: "North Rhine-Westphalia is making steady progress towards becoming the first climate-neutral industrial region in Europe. The ZEELINK project is of central importance here. This pipeline ensures North Rhine-Westphalia's connection to the Belgian LNG and, in future, hydrogen import centres. The Legden compressor station is the final technical component of the ZEELINK project for smooth and reliable natural gas transport. Today's commissioning of the Legden compressor station makes a significant contribution to the security of energy supply in our country."

About the compressor station

Compressor stations provide the necessary pressure for transporting gas over long distances. This is also the case in Legden. The station allows natural gas to be moved in a north-south and south-north direction via ZEELINK. There is another compressor station in Würselen.

Construction of the compressor station began in October 2022, and restoration work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. The compressor station has an installed capacity of 2x13 megawatts. The entire station area covers 4.5 hectares and blends in visually with the landscape thanks to a specially designed green belt around the facility.

About OGE

OGE gets gaseous molecules flowing. We create and maintain a modern, safe and efficient infrastructure for natural gas, hydrogen and CO₂. Our pipeline network with a length of more than 12,000 kilometres is fundamental to Germany's energy supply and ensures the prosperity of our society. As the market-leading gas transmission system operator, we are a pioneer, driver and enabler of the energy transition and climate neutrality. We see ourselves as transformation consultants and service providers for industry, power plants, distribution system operators and our partners from production and politics. The OGE Group is also a future-proof, modern workplace for more than 2,000 people. In the



interests of our employees and shareholders, we continually adapt our business model to ensure lastingly profitable development. For more information on the company, go to www.oge.net.

About Thyssengas

Thyssengas GmbH is a German transmission system operator. The company, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2021, is headquartered in Dortmund. Thyssengas operates a gas network around 4,400 kilometres long – mostly in North Rhine-Westphalia, but also with individual pipelines in Lower Saxony. It supplies downstream distribution network operators as well as industrial companies and power plants. Thyssengas is focussing on hydrogen as a gaseous energy source for a climate-neutral future. The Dortmund-based network operator is involved in numerous initiatives to this end. At the same time, it is making targeted investments in the conversion of its pipeline system to enable a rapid hydrogen ramp-up as part of the energy transition. The company currently employs around 520 people at seven locations in the grid area, and the number is growing.