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New VNG company headquarters in the heart of Leipzig: Clear commitment to the city

VNG plans to move to Leipzig's historic *Graphisches Viertel* district near Johannisplatz in 2027.

Leipzig, 12 September 2024. The Leipzig-based gas group VNG will relocate its headquarters from Leipzig-Schönefeld to Leipzig city centre in mid-2027. The new VNG company headquarters will be established in the former Deutsche Telekom administration building near Johannisplatz (Querstraße 1 to 11). The lease agreement with Ashtoh Properties Leipzig GmbH & Co. KG, represented by Ashtrom Properties Germany GmbH, has been signed on a long-term basis.

“By choosing Leipzig for the new VNG headquarters, we are making a clear commitment to the city and to the Central Germany region. We are very pleased that we will be present in the heart of Leipzig in the future. The existing administration building is being completely refurbished and modernised. The result will be sustainable and modern office architecture. This will increase our visibility in the city and our attractiveness as an employer. These are aspects of great importance to us. We look forward to visibly shaping the transformation of the existing building and breathing new life and energy into it. This step will give additional impetus to our business transformation in the direction of green gases. As VNG, we want to continue to help shape the energy transition in the future, drive structural change and generate added value in Central and Eastern Germany,” says Bodo Rodestock, Member of the Executive Board of VNG AG.

The Mayor of the City of Leipzig, Burkhard Jung, welcomes VNG AG's decision: “We are delighted that VNG AG has chosen an existing building in Leipzig city centre for its new company headquarters. This sets a strong positive signal for the city, and the planned modernisation will help to further develop the Johannisplatz site in an attractive way. As a company, VNG has close ties to Leipzig. The new location reinforces and symbolises these ties over the long term.”

Sharif El Omari, Head of Technical Project Development, and Dimitri Graz, Asset & Acquisition Manager, at Ashtrom Properties Germany, are delighted with the long-term lease to VNG: “The planned sustainable modernisation project and the redesign of the various floors of the building to create a modern working environment will meaningfully enhance the office complex. With VNG, we are delighted to have acquired a lessee that fits perfectly with our high-end property concept.”

VNG will occupy four floors in the new office building and create modern working environments for 650 employees. The working environment is based on modern concepts such as desk sharing, areas for concentrated individual work, networking and rooms for meetings, conferences and interactive collaboration. The employees of several VNG subsidiaries will work together in the new building. Thus the new headquarters will accommodate under one roof the companies VNG AG, VNG Handel & Vertrieb GmbH, BALANCE Erneuerbare Energien GmbH, VNG Gasspeicher GmbH and MGM-Tree GmbH, which are currently spread across two locations. The independent long-distance pipeline subsidiary ONTRAS Gas-transport GmbH and its subsidiaries will retain their separate headquarters in Maximilianallee.

“With our new company headquarters, we want to create a place that promotes face-to-face encounters, direct exchanges, concentrated work and creativity. By means of networked and hybrid collaboration, we are creating a contemporary and future-orientated office and working environment. This harnesses valuable synergies within the Group in order to jointly develop projects and solutions for the green energy world. From here, we will continue to fulfil the core mission of our company in the

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long term: enabling a secure supply of gas and advancing the transformation to green gases,” says Bodo Rodestock.

The proximity to the centre of Leipzig was a particularly important factor in the choice of location. The nearby main train station provides excellent public transport connections. The building also has an underground car park with parking spaces for cars and bicycles, some with electric charging infrastructure.

About VNG

VNG is a Group of over 20 companies active in the European energy industry with a total of around 1,700 employees. As a gas importer and wholesaler as well as an operator of critical gas infrastructure, the Leipzig-based Group under the majority ownership of EnBW plays a central role in ensuring the security of the gas supply in Germany. With its “VNG 2030” strategy, VNG is pursuing an ambitious programme for rolling out renewable and decarbonised gases such as biogas and hydrogen, paving the way for the sustainable, secure energy supplies and, in the long term, the climate-neutral energy system of the future. VNG’s investments in infrastructure and green gas projects are primarily in Central and Eastern Germany, with the aim of making a significant contribution to structural change as a company firmly anchored in its home region. More at: www.vng.de.