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Eurogas Annual Report introduced by Eurogas President and new Eurogas Secretary General

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Introducing the newly published Annual Report⁽¹⁾ of Eurogas, the new Secretary General of the Association Jean-Marie Devos declared :

The share of natural gas in primary energy consumption should reach 28% in the year 2020 compared to current 23% and expected 25% in 2010."

"The European Natural gas industry has considerable potential for development, and as a contributor to sustainable development. Both economically, and environmentally it has a key position and represents an asset for European Society. It will be up to this industry to meet the challenges to respond effectively to future household and industry needs."

He also stressed that the successful adaptation to these new market trends will largely depend on the quality of the dialogue and partnership between industry, consumers, supplying countries and European and National regulators. Eurogas is determined to establish such dialogue with all stakeholders.

Mr. Jean-Marie Devos is a Belgian citizen who spent mostly his professional life in European Affairs. His latest position was Executive Director and General Counsel of CEFIC, the European Chemical Industry Association.

Mr. Devos developed significant experience and cooperation in dealing with European and international organisations, in single market, competition and EU legal and policy issues.

He is succeeding Mr. Peter Claus who retired on 1st October 2002.

Eurogas is the European Union of the Natural Gas Industry representing 19 countries and is chaired by Pierre Gadonneix, President of Gaz de France who was elected for a second term at the Montreux General Assembly of May 2002.

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⁽¹⁾ Annual Report available on the website (www.eurogas.org) or on request to Eurogas Secretariat.