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EUROGAS PARTICIPATES AT THE EU GREEN WEEK EXHIBITION 2008 IN BRUSSELS IN A JOINT STAND WITH MARCOGAZ AND GERG

Eurogas - the European Union of the Natural Gas Industry, GERG - the European Gas Research Group and Marcogaz - the Technical Association of the European Natural Gas Industry have jointly opened a stand today at the EU Green Week exhibition in Brussels. The stand offers general and specific information on natural gas, gas related R&D, energy efficiency with natural gas and natural gas applications.

In the ongoing discussions on energy, Eurogas considers it timely to reassert the importance of gas and of the gas industry in contributing to a sustainable, secure and competitive energy market.

The world is currently experiencing considerable growth in energy demand. Within that general trend, growth in gas demand is strong and it is increasingly used for power generation. When gas is used instead of other fossil fuels, emissions of CO₂ and other pollutants are lowered significantly for the same amount of energy production.

Natural gas is thus continuing to make an important contribution to the EU's Green Agenda. As the **cleanest fossil fuel with very low emissions**, natural gas is well placed to improve the quality of the environment and to contribute to reaching the **Kyoto targets to combat climate change**. This is one of the reasons why the use of natural gas for power generation is expected in Eurogas forecasts to almost double by 2020 from today's share.

In direct applications, natural gas offers many rational solutions to another core aspect of the policy debate - **energy efficiency**. Significant improvements in energy efficiency can be made with the use of natural gas and high efficiency gas-burning equipment in both the industrial and in the commercial sectors as well as in the residential sector.

Eurogas has developed a position paper and a brochure but also four joint declarations accompanying individual positions by four different gas organizations on the role of gas in a sustainable energy market (GERG, Marcogaz, Eurogif and NGVA-Europe). These are available at www.eurogas.org but are also distributed at the joint stand this week.

Climate change means we have to make the most efficient use of all available energy sources. The challenge for energy policy is to create a framework within which natural gas can play its full and important part.

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