

**Zienswijze Uniper op de marktconsultatie van de planningsuitgangspunten voor de Groningenraming gasjaar 2023/2024**

“Dear Sir or Madam, dear GTS-colleagues,

We appreciate the possibility to participate in your consultation about the planning assumptions to determine the required Groningen production for gas year 2023/24.

As it is known within the industry, Uniper procures a large part of its L-gas volumes for Germany via a long-term supply contract with a Dutch exporter.

Since the Groningen production was reduced and a closure of the natural gas field is currently envisaged for 2023 or latest 2024, Uniper is concerned about the security of supply of the (German) L-gas market.

The political developments, as well as the accompanying distortions in the European natural gas market, unfortunately give more cause for concern about the security of supply in the European natural gas market. In the meantime, not only is L-gas a scarce commodity, but also the supply situation in H-gas has deteriorated massively, which has become particularly visible in the exorbitantly high gas prices.

We therefore read your consultation about the planning assumptions to determine the required Groningen production for gas year 2023/24 with great interest.

We see the assumptions, especially related to the H-gas demand and supply, made by GTS and the approach to the Groningen production for the gas year 2023/2024 as reasonable and reliable at this point in time, especially in view of the fact that this tight supply situation is an absolute novelty for the entire gas industry.

Furthermore, we also support GTS's suggestion in its letter of 16 September 2022 to the state secretary of mining to refrain from closing some further production clusters in April 2023, especially against the background of supply security in the gas year 2023/2024 and in order to be able to take sufficient precautions in the summer of 2023 for the gasyear 2023/2024.

Best regards,”