



Press release

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Vladimir Kotenev Appointed New Managing Director of GAZPROM Germania GmbH

GAZPROM Germania GmbH's shareholders' meeting appointed the former Russian Ambassador to Germany Vladimir Kotenev as Managing Director.

Vladimir Kotenev will succeed Hans-Joachim Gornig who has been heading the company since its establishment in 1990.

"Vladimir Kotenev has considerable international experience and is widely known and respected in Germany and other European countries. We are confident that under his leadership our Western European subsidiary will proceed along the path of successful growth," the Gazprom Export LLC Director General Alexander Medvedev said.

Background

Vladimir Kotenev was born in 1957. In 1979 graduated from the Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations (MGIMO). During his diplomatic career he worked in the embassies of the USSR and the Russian Federation in GDR, Austria and Switzerland, and also in the USSR General Consulate in West Berlin.

- In 2001-2004: served as Director of the Consular Department, Russian MFA.
- In 2004-2010: served as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Russian Federation in the Federal Republic of Germany

About GAZPROM Germania

GAZPROM Germania GmbH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the world's largest natural gas producer, GAZPROM Open Joint Stock Company (OJSC). GAZPROM Germania GmbH, headquartered in Berlin, was set up in 1990 and deals with sales of Russian and Central Asian natural gas in Germany and Europe as a whole, ensuring stable and secure supplies to energy markets of the continent.

GAZPROM Germania is active in almost all segments along the value chain of the natural gas industry. Its core business areas incorporate natural gas production, trading, and storage.

The company is involved in various projects to promote the true image of contemporary Russia, its people and culture, and in this way to contribute to a better understanding between Germany and Russia.

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