

### **firmus energy is the latest of five new members to join Eurogas in 2015**

**Brussels, 19 October 2015:** Eurogas, the association representing the European gas wholesale, retail and distribution sectors, is delighted to announce the addition of its newest member – firmus energy. The company, which supplies and distributes gas to customers in Northern Ireland, is the latest of five new members to join the association since the beginning of the year. Other additions in 2015 include Energy UK, Gas Networks Ireland, EDP (Portugal) and Lietuvos Dujos (Lithuania).

Eurogas Secretary General, Beate Raabe, said: *“firmus energy is the first Northern Irish company to join the association in its 25 years. We are delighted to welcome them and all the other new members in Eurogas. These new additions, in 2015 together with existing members, demonstrate the diversity in terms of activities and geographical representation of Eurogas. They are also testimony to the fact that the Eurogas family is well placed to highlight the important role that gas can play in Europe’s future energy mix. We look forward to a fruitful cooperation.”*

Speaking on behalf of firmus energy, Managing Director Michael Scott added, *“We are happy to join the other associations and companies in Eurogas and to bring our perspectives to the different committees and workgroups. Eurogas is a good fit for our needs given the diverse range of topics and issues its team in Brussels covers.*

*“Natural gas is a commodity, traded across Europe, and it is important that we have a context for our business operations and keep abreast of European legislation changes. Membership of Eurogas provides us with the appropriate context and platform to determine the implications for the Northern Ireland gas industry, discuss best practice with members in other countries, and benchmark our company to a European standard.*

*“We look forward to working on matters affecting the gas industry together with our European colleagues and are confident that in working together we can realise policy measures that take into account the full advantages and benefits of gas,”* he added.

Gas Networks Ireland, EDP and Lietuvos Dujos have joined Eurogas as gas distribution companies, participating in the Eurogas Distribution System Operators Committee, which has widened its membership and activities strongly over the past few years. Their representatives to the Eurogas General Assembly are Aidan O’Sullivan, Pedro Avila and Liudas Liutkevicius respectively. In addition, the fourth new member, Energy UK – the trade association for the UK energy industry – is represented by Lawrence Slade.

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Note to Editors: Eurogas is an association representing 44 companies and associations engaged in the wholesale, retail and distribution of gas in Europe. Eurogas provides data and information relevant to EU decision makers and opinion formers in making the right policy choices.

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