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Second Annual Survey on Implementation of EASEE-gas CBPs Issued

EASEE-gas, the European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange-gas, has requested the European natural gas industry to respond to the second annual survey on progress of implementation of the approved "Common Business Practices" before 14 October 2005.

Wim Groenendijk, chairman of the Executive Committee says *"After approval of six Common Business Practices it is important to monitor progress and to identify any barriers to implementation. We encourage the industry to respond to this survey by the due date so that the current status can be provided to the European Commission for their Internal Gas Market Benchmarking Report for 2005."*

Notes to Editors

Common Business Practices (CBP's) simplify and streamline business processes and thereby lead to an efficient and effective European gas market. The development of Common Business Practices is managed by an Executive Committee composed of industry representatives from each part of the gas value chain.

EASEE-gas presently has 77 full members (companies active in the European gas market) and 16 associate members (industry associations, government agencies).

So far, EASEE-gas has approved six Common Business Practices:

- CBP 2003-01 Harmonisation of Units
- CBP 2003-02 Harmonisation of Nominations & Matching Process
- CBP 2003-03 EDIG@S
- CBP 2005-01 Harmonisation of Gas Quality
- CBP 2005-02 Interconnection Agreements
- CBP 2005-03 Constraints

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The CBP Implementation Survey questionnaire, the results of the 2004 survey as well as the CBPs can be found on the EASEE-gas website - www.easee-gas.org