

Press release

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UTA expands LNG network through partnership with LIQUIND 24/7

- **UTA offers the largest LNG supply network in Europe**
- **LNG provides a cost-effective alternative to diesel fuel**
- **UTA customers can now access 170 LNG filling stations in 10 countries, including 26 in Germany**

Kleinostheim, Germany – UTA, a leading provider of fuel and service cards in Europe and an Edenred company, is partnering with LIQUIND 24/7 to give UTA customers access effective immediately to eight LIQUIND 24/7 liquefied natural gas (LNG) filling stations in Germany: Duisburg, Sülzetal, Crailsheim, Strullendorf, Mannheim, Göttingen, Wustermark and Schüttorf. Additional stations will be added later this year.

UTA's approach is to support its customers in their ecological transition by developing a network of partners providing cost-effective alternatives to diesel fuel. Through the agreement, UTA's LNG supply network grows to nearly 170 stations at strategically important transport hubs in 10 countries, establishing it as the largest LNG network in Europe. The filling stations can be found in the free UTA Station Finder app, which also indicates the nearest car washing facilities and workshops.

Carsten Bettermann, CEO of UTA, says: "With the expansion of our LNG supply network, we're meeting increasing demand for alternative fuels. This will enable us to offer customers greater security of supply along routes through Europe in the future. At the same time, we're giving hauliers an incentive to switch to more environmentally friendly fuels."

UTA's acceptance network comprises 53,000 filling stations across Europe. In addition to conventional fuel providers, further multi-energy filling stations that offer LNG, hydrogen, LPG and CNG will be added in the future. UTA works with 70 LNG partners and offers safety training for LNG refuelling.

Philip Maximilian Braunschweig, Head of Sales at LIQUIND, says: "We're pleased to work with a renowned partner such as UTA to extend the availability of LNG. However, we don't just want to bring the ecological and economic advantages of LNG to the German market; we're planning a European roll-out in the future."

LIQUIND 24/7 currently has 13 LNG filling stations in Germany, with a further 12 in development. LNG is a promising alternative fuel in several respects. It costs less than diesel fuel for heavy trucks over 18 tonnes with an annual mileage of at least 100,000 kilometres. In addition, LNG-powered trucks boast lower emissions of particulate matter, nitrogen and CO₂, as well as noise – a key advantage for deliveries outside standard times. LNG is one of the solutions to accelerate the ecological transition for freight. It brings truck fleets one step closer to greener mobility.



Photo (© LIQUIND): LIQUIND 24/7 LNG filling station in Strullendorf, Bavaria

UNION TANK Eckstein GmbH & Co. KG (UTA) is a leading provider of fuel and service cards in Europe. Commercial customers can use the UTA card system to refuel – independent of brand and without cash – at more than 67,000 acceptance points in 40 European countries. The UTA card can also be used for toll invoicing, repair work, and breakdown and towing services. Furthermore, VAT and fuel tax refunds can be claimed through a UTA service provider partner. UTA was voted "Best fuel card service provider for SMEs 2021" in a survey conducted by German Wirtschaftswoche magazine and the Cologne-based market research institute ServiceValue. UTA was founded in 1963 by Heinrich Eckstein and is today owned by Edenred SA.

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Edenred is a leading digital platform for services and payments and the everyday companion for people at work, connecting over 50 million users and 2 million partner merchants in 46 countries via more than 850,000 corporate clients. Edenred offers specific-purpose payment solutions for food (such as meal benefits), mobility (such as multi-energy, maintenance, toll, parking and commuter solutions), incentives (such as gift cards, employee engagement platforms) and corporate payments (such as virtual cards). These solutions enhance user's well-being and purchasing power, improve companies' attractiveness and efficiency, and vitalize the employment market and the local economy. They also foster access to healthier food, more environmentally friendly products and softer mobility. Edenred's 10,000 employees are committed to making the world of work a connected ecosystem that is safer, more efficient and more user-friendly every day.

In 2020, thanks to its global technology assets, the Group managed close to €30 billion in business volume, primarily carried out via mobile applications, online platforms and cards.

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LIQUIND was founded in 2015 in Berlin-Charlottenburg and is developing a nationwide network of LNG filling stations for heavy goods transport (trucks and ships). The goal of the company's founders and shareholders is to make LNG available in Germany for use as a substitute fuel for diesel and thus to "green" the transport sector to sustainably reduce CO2 emissions from heavy goods transport and inland shipping in addition to noise, particulate matter and NOx emissions.

Energie 360° AG is investing in LIQUIND 24/7 and thus in the development of Germany-wide LNG infrastructure. By investing in start-up companies, Energie 360° supports future-oriented projects that contribute to solving the climate and energy problem.

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