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## UTA expands service card supply network with LIQVIS LNG service stations

- **Liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a long-distance and high-performance alternative to diesel**
- **Toll exemption for LNG trucks in Germany extended until the end of 2023**
- **Further expansion of the LIQVIS service station network in planning**

UTA, a leading provider of fuel and service cards in Europe, is expanding its own supply network to include LIQVIS GmbH's LNG (liquefied natural gas) service stations. As of 1 April, UTA customers can refuel their vehicles with liquefied natural gas (LNG) at LIQVIS service stations without cash using the UTA Full Service Card.

The Uniper subsidiary LIQVIS has been operating LNG service stations since 2017. They are located at strategic high-traffic hubs e.g. in Kassel-Lohfelden and Berlin-Grünheide. In order to meet the rising demand for the alternative fuel LNG, the German service station infrastructure is set to be systematically expanded in the coming years. Additional LIQVIS service stations will be installed in the areas in and around Hamburg, Hannover and Bönen, among others.

"We are delighted that with LIQVIS as our partner we are able to further expand our network and provide our customers with access to eco-friendly and cost-effective mobility," **says Gabriel Moulènes, Sales and Marketing Director at UTA.** "LNG is a large-range and efficient alternative to diesel that allows fleet operators and forwarding agents to reduce their operating costs." LNG HGVs with their low levels of particulate matter and nitrogen oxide emissions easily meet the strict environmental requirements of the Euro VI emissions standard. LNG powered vehicles also have significantly lower noise emissions than diesel vehicles, which is a particular advantage for urban deliveries. LNG trucks can also cover long distances without needing refuelling. As the fuel costs for heavy HGVs over 18 tonnes with an annual mileage from 100,000 kilometres are lower than for diesel vehicles, LNG is also more cost-efficient. LNG users will continue to benefit from this price advantage in the long term because liquefied natural gas, which is independent of pipelines, can be transported over long distances in an economically efficient manner and global production capacities are increasing. At present, however, there are still too few public LNG filling stations in Germany, which is why the network is to be further expanded.

"To meet the growing demand for LNG, we will set up additional service stations and thus actively contribute to the expansion of the service station network," **explains Silvano Calcagno, Managing Director of LIQVIS.** "The recently made decision by the German Bundestag to extend the toll exemption for LNG trucks in Germany and the UTA card behind us will help us to convince other transport companies that the change is economical and easy to implement."

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### **About Uniper**

Uniper is a leading international energy company with around 11,500 employees and activities in more than 40 countries. With about 34 GW of installed generation capacity, Uniper is among the largest global power generators. Its main activities include power generation in Europe and Russia as well as global energy trading, including a diversified gas portfolio that makes Uniper one of Europe's leading gas companies. In 2019, Uniper sold a gas volume of about 220 bcm. The company is headquartered in Düsseldorf, being the third-largest listed German utility. Under its new strategy, Uniper aims to become carbon-neutral in Europe by 2035.

### **About LIQVIS**

LIQVIS, an Essen-based company and full subsidiary of Uniper in Düsseldorf, is building a needs-based LNG infrastructure for heavy-duty traffic. Liqvis has been operating LNG service stations in Germany since 2017. The company is planning to continuously expand the service station infrastructure in Germany and across Europe over the coming years, primarily focusing on partnerships with forwarding companies.

### **About UNION TANK Eckstein GmbH & Co. KG (UTA)**

UTA is one of the leading providers 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 66,000 acceptance points in 40 European countries and use other en-route services. These include toll invoicing, repair shop services, breakdown and towing services as well as the refund of VAT and fuel tax. In 2019, UTA won the prestigious image award of the VerkehrsRundschau trade magazine in the category "fuel cards" for the fifth time; the award is presented every two years based on an independent market study by the market research institute Kleffmann. UTA was founded in 1963 by Heinrich Eckstein and is today owned by Edenred SA.

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