

## Information

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# E.ON Ruhrgas Hands Over Germany's Satellite-Reference Service ascos to Astrium and ALLSAT

Astrium Services and ALLSAT will offer ascos services in the future

Essen, Munich, Hannover, 17 September 2007 - E.ON Ruhrgas AG's Executive Board has decided to reduce the company's present effort for the operation and maintenance of the Germany-wide satellite reference service ascos, and to focus on E.ON's core business as an energy supplier. Operation and marketing of the ascos Satellite Reference Service shall be transferred to a new supplier. A Joint Venture between the partners Astrium Services (Munich), a 100% subsidiary of EADS, and ALLSAT (Hannover) is being prepared as the new supplier of ascos reference data and services. In a seamless transfer the new JV will continue to supply existing ascos services to their full extent, and will introduce new services.

Representatives of Astrium Services and ALLSAT, together with E.ON Ruhrgas AG, will present details of the transfer project at the ascos booth during this year's Intergeo trade fair in Leipzig on 26 September.

Both the present ascos owner E.ON Ruhrgas AG and all ascos clients and users will benefit from the restructuring of the satellite reference service. The fundamental criterion for beginning negotiations with Astrium Services and ALLSAT was that the new owners guarantee seamless technical transfer and continued operation of the ascos service, and that financial conditions for the first five years were agreed upon. This will assure continuity in the provision of ascos reference data to all users of the service, inside and outside of E.ON Ruhrgas corporation.

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