

## **RWE Transgas Secured the Possibility of a New Gas Supply for Slovakia**

**In Prague, January 9, 2009** – In cooperation with the Slovak SPP the company RWE Transgas secured gas supply for Slovakia. We are coordinating the aid to Slovakia and the supply itself with the government of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Industry and Trade. 2 million mcm of natural gas should be available to the Slovak customers already tomorrow morning. The specific volumes for the following days will be specified continuously.

A new volume of natural gas is prepared for Slovakia at the transfer stations between Germany and the Czech Republic in Hořa Svaté Kateřiny and in Waidhaus. It will be used by RWE Transgas for customers in the Czech Republic. On the other hand the stipulated amount will be supplied to the Slovak customers from the underground storage facility Láb that is used by RWE as its storage capacity abroad for the needs of Czech customers.

Thus a so-called swap operation will take place between the Czech Republic and Slovakia because the transit system that is used for the regular gas supplies in central Europe is closed since Tuesday, January 6.

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