

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# Two European pension funds increase stake to own 49.9% of Redexis Gas

- European pension funds Universities Superannuation Scheme ("USS") and Arbejdsmarkedets Tillægspension ("ATP") have signed agreements to acquire an 18.8% stake in Redexis Gas, S.A. and Redexis Gas Finance B.V. (together "Redexis Gas" or "the Company") from infrastructure funds ("GSIP") managed by Goldman Sachs.
- USS and ATP have been indirect investors in Redexis Gas since 2010. Following the agreed changes in the shareholder structure, the ownership of Redexis Gas will be as follows: GSIP 50.1%, USS 30.0% and ATP 19.9%.
- Fernando Bergasa, Chairman of Redexis Gas, stated: "We are delighted that USS and ATP will increase their investment and shareholding in Redexis Gas. This transaction reiterates their alignment with and support of Redexis Gas' long-term growth strategy and significant investment plan".

**Madrid, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017.** – Redexis Gas, a leading company specialising in natural gas distribution and transmission as well as liquefied petroleum gas distribution and supply in Spain, announced today that USS and ATP have agreed to acquire 18.8% of Redexis Gas from GSIP.

USS and ATP are two European pension funds with significant long term investments in high quality infrastructure companies. They have both been indirect investors in Redexis Gas as partners of GSIP since its initial investment in 2010 and have been increasing their stake over time. Following the acquisition and certain agreed changes in the shareholder structure, the ownership of Redexis Gas will be as follows: GSIP 50.1%, USS 30.0% and ATP 19.9%.

Since 2010 Redexis Gas has invested approximately €1 billion in organic and inorganic growth of distribution and transmission gas networks. As a result revenues grew significantly from €112 million in 2010 to €212 million in 2016 and EBITDA more than doubled from €65 million to €157 million over the same period. To fund this growth over the years, in addition to equity investments by its shareholders, the Company has raised a €160 million facility from the European Investment Bank under the EFSI framework, €300 million in bank capex facilities and €900 million in bond issues.





Recently, Redexis Gas has stepped up its growth strategy even further, becoming a key player in the Spanish natural gas sector. In Q1 2017, the company secured 10,956 new contracts, an increase of over 60% year on year, with total points of supply reaching 630,751. As of 31 March 2017, Redexis Gas owns and operates a total of 9,509 kilometres of gas pipelines (1,622 kilometres of transmission networks and 7,887 kilometres of distribution networks). It employs over 300 people directly and a further 2,800 through its contractors.

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Gavin Merchant, Head of Real Assets at USS Investment Management said: "We are very pleased to be increasing our interest in Redexis Gas. We are excited about continuing to work with Fernando Bergasa and his team to help the business deliver its plans for growth."

Closing of the acquisitions is subject to customary conditions and is expected to take place in Q3 2017.

#### **About Redexis Gas**

Redexis Gas is a leading company engaged in the development and operation of natural gas transportation and distribution networks and in the distribution and supply of liquefied petroleum gas in Spain. Redexis Gas provides services to over 630,000 connection points and manages a gas distribution and transmission network spanning more than 9,500 km across various autonomous communities, providing access to a safe, convenient and efficient energy source to over 6.6 million people, industries and businesses in a total of 565 municipalities. Following investments of more than €1 billion in the last six years, Redexis Gas has a strong plan for continued expansion and network deployment which seeks to create sustainable value in the communities where it operates. Redexis Gas reported revenues and EBITDA of €212 million and €157 million respectively in 2016.

#### **About GSIP**

GSIP is a family of infrastructure funds managed by Goldman Sachs Infrastructure Investment Group ("GS IIG"). GS IIG is one of the largest managers of infrastructure globally, having raised more than \$11 billion of capital since the inception of the business in 2006. It pursues a long-term investment strategy focused on high quality infrastructure assets and partnering with best in class operators and management teams. The funds invest in utilities infrastructure (such as electricity, gas and water networks), energy (such as pipelines, terminals and power generation) and transportation infrastructure (such as airports, ports, railways and roads) across OECD countries, primarily in Europe and North America.





### **About USS**

USS was established in 1975 as the principal pension scheme for universities and higher education institutions in the UK. It has around 375,000 scheme members across more than 360 institutions and is one of the largest pension schemes in the UK, with total fund assets of approximately €67 billion (as of May 2017).

#### **About ATP**

ATP is Denmark's largest pension and social security provider and one of Europe's largest pension providers, with more than €100 billion assets under management invested in bonds, equities, real estate and infrastructure assets, among others. ATP is divided into two business areas: Pensions & Investments and Processing Business. ATP employs approximately 2,820 people and has offices in Hillerød (Denmark), London and New York.

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