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## Uniper discontinues plans for combined heat and power plant in Marl

- **Doubts about economy viability under the current conditions**
- **Focus on investment in a new gas and steam power plant in Gelsenkirchen-Scholven**
- **Start of construction for plant in Scholven is planned for this year**

Uniper discontinues its planning for a new co-generation plant (CHP) at the Marl site in the northern Ruhr area. Internal analyses have shown that the project is unlikely to be economically viable under the current energy industry conditions. In addition, Uniper recently made the decision to invest in a natural gas fired combined heat and power plant at the Gelsenkirchen-Scholven site and therefore reviewed further commitments. The Scholven location will be switched from coal to natural gas in future. At the beginning of December 2017, Uniper secured the option to build a power plant in Marl through the first tender by the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA) for CHP plants below 50 megawatts.

**Eckhardt Rümmler, Chief Operating Officer at Uniper, commented:** "Against the backdrop of our investment decision on the combined cycle power plant in Scholven, we examined the extent to which an investment in the Marl CHP plant is still worthwhile under the current conditions. We were forced to end the project due to our corporate responsibility. At the same time, we are all the more pleased that we have found a solution in the form of a combined cycle plant, with which we will be able to ensure the supply of heating and electricity to the region in the future."

In the past year, Uniper renewed the long-standing successful partnership with an industrial company in the Gelsenkirchen area. As a result, the investment decision was made for a new plant at the Scholven site, which will supply electricity, heat, steam and possibly demineralized water and compressed air to industrial companies in the area. The plant will be tailored precisely to the needs of the nearby industry and use the existing infrastructure. In addition, the long-distance heat delivery by Uniper Wärme GmbH to its customers can be guaranteed in the long term within this established industrial cluster. As planned, the construction will start this year.

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