

## Allianz and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board to invest in Gas Natural Fenosa's gas distribution business in Spain

- *Allianz Capital Partners and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board today signed an agreement with Gas Natural Fenosa to acquire a 20% minority equity interest in its gas distribution business in Spain*
- *Allianz Capital Partners, on behalf of Allianz, and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board will invest EUR 1,500 million*
- *Transaction expected to complete by January 2018*

**Munich, Germany and Toronto, Canada (August 03, 2017)** – Allianz Capital Partners and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (“CPPIB”), through its wholly owned subsidiary, CPP Investment Board Europe S.à r.l., signed an agreement today with Gas Natural Fenosa (“GNF”) to acquire a 20% minority equity interest in its gas distribution business in Spain (“GNDB”).

Allianz Capital Partners, on behalf of the Allianz Group, and CPPIB will invest EUR 1,500 million for the 20% equity interest. The equity investments for Allianz Capital Partners and CPPIB are EUR 600 million and EUR 900 million, respectively. Allianz Capital Partners and CPPIB are long-term infrastructure investors with significant experience investing in regulated utilities, including the gas sector, and with a strong track-record of partnering with strategic investors in infrastructure businesses.

“GNDB represents an attractive opportunity for our customers and is fully aligned with our investment strategy of investing in core infrastructure assets. We are very pleased to be entering into a new partnership with GNF as a leading international energy group and look forward to further strengthening our relationship with GNF and CPPIB and to support the continued success of this high quality business,” said Christian Fingerle, Chief Investment Officer at Allianz Capital Partners.

“GNDB is a core infrastructure asset that fits well with CPPIB’s infrastructure portfolio, providing long-term stable cash flows for the CPP Fund. We look forward to establishing an enduring partnership with GNF and Allianz in this world-class business, and in adding to our investments in Spain,” said Cressida Hogg, Managing Director, Global Head of Infrastructure, CPPIB.

GNDB is the largest gas distribution network in Spain with more than 5.3 million connection points and serving some 1,100 municipalities. It serves a geographically diversified residential and industrial customer base across Spain, providing its customers with access to a cost-efficient, reliable and environmentally friendly source of energy. Post transaction, GNF will continue to own an 80% equity shareholding in GNDB, which will remain a core part of GNF’s portfolio.

Commenting on this agreement, Rafael Villaseca Marco, Chief Executive of GNF, said, “GNDB is a premium asset in the gas sector in Spain and essential part of our investment strategy. We welcome the opportunity to partner with these two well renowned long-term infrastructure investors and continue to invest in further expanding the gas network in Spain and maintaining high efficiency of operations and quality of customer service.”

Completion of the transaction, which is subject to certain regulatory approvals, is expected by January 2018.



**About GNF**

Gas Natural Fenosa is a multinational leader in the energy sector, a pioneer in the integration of gas and electricity. Present in more than 30 countries, the company offers services to almost 22 million customers in five continents, and manages a total installed capacity of 15.5 GW with a diversified mix of electricity generation technologies.

**About GNDB**

GNDB is the largest natural gas distribution company in Spain. The company manages a c. 53,000km distribution network that delivers natural gas to over 5.3 million connection points in approximately 1,100 municipalities in Spain. In addition to the gas distribution activities, which include regulated services such as inspections, gas meter rentals, and other services, the company also manages a 1,255 km gas transmission network and 2,249 km of LPG network and c. 244k LPG connection points.

These assessments are, as always, subject to the disclaimer provided below.

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