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## **Renewal of Ferngas' Pipeline EGL 442 moves forward Investment of approx. € 180 million to improve reliability of supply**

Construction work is scheduled to begin in Saxony for the renewal of EGL 442. The Saxon section is approximately 17 kilometres long. It abuts Vogtland County and runs through Zwickau County to the city of Zwickau. EGL 442 spans 125 kilometres in total, running between Limbach in Thuringia and Niederhohndorf in Zwickau.

Ferngas is investing about € 25 million to upgrade the Saxon section of EGL 442 to the state of the art. The entire project amounts to an investment of approximately € 180 million.

“This project will increase the reliability of supply for decades to come,” said Ferngas' project leader, Philipp Egle. He added that modern technology would allow the new pipeline to be controlled and supervised far better than was possible with the technology of the 50s and 60s that was employed when it was originally constructed. Construction is now scheduled to begin thanks to the formal approval received from Saxon state authorities.

“We are staying along the existing route as much as possible and deviations will be very limited,” explained Egle. The project entails removal and relaying of a section of pipeline that has been in place for decades, therefore the impact on nature and residential areas will be significantly lower than that of a newly constructed pipeline.

Archaeologists are currently conducting a field survey of the construction zone to prevent any potential archaeological sites from being disturbed or destroyed. So far, they haven't uncovered any artefacts or features to indicate sites of archaeological value.

“Once the archaeologists have cleared us to begin, we will set up the construction zone starting in June,” said Philipp Egle regarding the road ahead.

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## EGL 442 Overview

Additional information and a detailed, downloadable map are available on our homepage [www.ferngas-egl442.de](http://www.ferngas-egl442.de)

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