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New Fuel for Kazakhstan **Launch of CNG Fuelled Bus Fleet in Almaty**

Following the launch of Kazakhstan's first compressed natural gas (CNG) filling station in July, the city of Almaty has now welcomed the first 20 CNG fuelled buses to signal a new era of cleaner transport for its citizens.

The vehicles, which are to be part of a fleet of 200, arrived in mid-December and will first be used to transport athletes during the Asian Winter Games in February before beginning commercial operation in Almaty.

The CNG project was sparked by a request for a Natural Gas Study for Kazakhstan by President Nazarbayev. The study, undertaken by BG Group, recommended the development of a Natural Gas Vehicle market in partnership with the national gas company, KazTransGas.

The project has been backed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) with a loan to the municipal public transport company, Almaty Electrotrans, for \$35.2 million to purchase 200 buses. Delivery of the remaining buses is due to be complete by April 2011.

As well as meeting all technical and international criteria for environmental improvement in the area, the new fleet is also seen as an opportunity to increase competitiveness and standards in the public transport sector in Almaty and act as a flagship development for CNG as a vehicle fuel in Kazakhstan.

CNG Services MD John Baldwin said "We congratulate BG Group and their Kazakh partners for a further important milestone in the development of the world's newest natural gas vehicle market and hope to be able to continue to support them as the market grows in 2011 and beyond"

About CNG Services Ltd

CNG Services Ltd (CSL) supports the development of new anaerobic digester projects including a range of utilisation options for the biogas:

- Use to generate electricity in "good quality" CHP
- Clean-up of biogas to produce biomethane
- Injection of bio-methane into gas distribution networks
- Compression of bio-methane for use as fuel in road vehicles
- Support to introduction of biomethane fuelled vehicles

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