



Press release

## **star tests 2014 European debit payment system in Germany**

**The anticipated regulation of the debit market opens up further opportunities for European card payment transactions**

**Elmshorn, 9 December 2013 – In a test phase the star petrol stations will be examining early on what optimisation potential exists for the card business. The national findings of the test phase are to be used within the petrochemicals group PKN ORLEN to shape the future European alignment of the card business.**

The European Commission is planning to largely harmonise the debit market, which will give rise to various options for payment systems in the European card market in the future. The test in the network of star petrol stations will start with the processing of V PAY for both international and German cardholders. "ORLEN is interested in achieving a permanent optimisation of the card business: In addition to the best possible convenience and service for customers paying by card, we also need a cost-efficient, high-tech solution," explained Oliver Behrens, Non-Cash Transactions Manager for the star petrol stations.

### **star – a strong brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH**

star is the petrol station brand of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH, which has been operating more than 560 petrol stations in the northern half of Germany since 2003. The company, which is based in Elmshorn, near Hamburg, is part of the Polish oil and petrochemicals group PKN ORLEN SA, which is the largest company in Eastern Europe and one of the largest in Central Europe with an annual turnover of EUR 27 billion in 2012.

PKN ORLEN SA is listed on the Warsaw and London stock exchanges and is represented on the petrol station market in Eastern and Central Europe with a total of 2,700 petrol stations in Poland, the Czech Republic, Germany and Lithuania. In recent years, large investments have been made in Lithuania and the Czech Republic in order to bring the group a step closer to its goal of becoming the leading oil company in Central Europe.



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