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## "The Near and Middle East is an Economic Partner of Key Importance"

*H.E. Rainer Brüderle, German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology, spoke with Helene Rang, CEO and Dep. Chairperson of NUMOV, German Near and Middle East Association*



H.E. Rainer Brüderle, German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

*HR: NUMOV, the German Near and Middle East Association, would like to congratulate you cordially on your appointment as the new Federal Minister of Economics and Technology.*

*For the MENA region various economic studies have predicted a growth of 4.3% for 2010, up to 4.9% for 2012; a solid growth in the face of the current global forecasts. How do you evaluate the*

*perspectives of the region in the future and its importance for the German economy?*

*H.E. Rainer Brüderle: It is my conviction that the MENA region will see relatively high growth figures in the future. First, strong population growth will continue to create a need in the MENA countries to provide structures and opportunities for accommodating the growing number of people in*

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