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Transshipment of LNG at Montoir-de-Bretagne LNG terminal: a world first between 2 large LNG tankers

On August 7, Elengy and the Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port joined forces at the Montoir-de-Bretagne LNG terminal to undertake their very first transshipment operation – a service offered at the terminal since July. By facilitating the transshipment of a cargo directly from one LNG tanker to another (both of large capacity) – thanks in particular to the availability of two jetties at its terminal – Elengy is addressing the new demands of LNG market players.

The Elengy-operated Montoir-de-Bretagne LNG terminal has just coordinated its first transshipment from its onshore terminal. The *Ben Badis* LNG tanker (capacity of 177,000 m³) delivered LNG to the *LNG Gemini* tanker (capacity of 126,000 m³) during a 48-hour operation conducted in the utmost safety. Each carrier was moored at a jetty and connected to articulated transfer arms. The transshipment service makes use of pipelines that connect the two jetties of large capacity directly, meaning that the transferred LNG is neither mixed nor stored in the terminal tanks.

Transshipment operations of this kind can be carried out offshore, but are subject to weather constraints. Indeed the Montoir-de-Bretagne LNG terminal benefits from both the good weather conditions and nautical situation of the Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port (port protected from the swell, low mist levels, predictable and short-lived windy spells, access channel enabling the accommodation of two tankers at once, etc.), as well as high quality port services and tried-and-tested LNG infrastructures. This ensured the transshipment operation was conducted very reliably and safely.

Jean-Marc Guyot, CEO of Elengy: *"Elengy is proud to have undertaken the first commercial LNG transshipment operation at the Montoir-de-Bretagne LNG terminal. The adaptable nature of this terminal and the professionalism of Elengy's staff in completing this operation are exemplary. It once again underlined the synergy and successful interaction in place between the Montoir-de-Bretagne terminal and Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port's teams. Transshipment operations increase the flexibility of the LNG market – the services offered by the Montoir terminal help ensure such operations are reliable and represent a new step towards the terminal becoming an LNG hub."*

Jean-Pierre Chalus, Chairman of the Management Board of the Grand Port Maritime de Nantes Saint-Nazaire: *"With this first LNG transshipment operation, Elengy and Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port have once again proven their ability to work together to address the requirements of an ever-changing energy market. This new kind of service is made possible thanks to the quality of the naval access routes, maintained by the Port of Nantes Saint-Nazaire (maintenance of the channel, dredged berth and turning basin), and of the port services (piloting, towing, mooring and refuelling). The terminal's new infrastructures, combined with the port's position on the Atlantic and its nautical situation, enable Montoir-de-Bretagne to occupy a strategic position on the natural gas market in Europe."*

About Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port Authority

Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port Authority, a government-owned corporation, drives development and contributes to regional development.

Key figures

4th largest port in France

Largest port on France's Atlantic coast

Links to nearly 600 ports on 5 continents

1,350 hectares of port, logistics and industrial zones

More than 3,000 vessel calls per year

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About Elengy

As Europe's second-largest LNG terminal operator, Elengy, a GDF SUEZ subsidiary, serves all operators wishing to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) to supply the French and European markets. Elengy operates France's three LNG terminals: Montoir-de-Bretagne on the French Atlantic coast and Fos Tonkin and Fos Cavaou on the Mediterranean.

2012 key figures

Regasification capacity: 23.75 billion m³ of natural gas per year

Quantity of energy received: over 20% of French natural gas consumption

Shipments received: 161

Workforce: 410 employees

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