

FOS TONKIN LNG TERMINAL: 40 YEARS OF HISTORY, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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The Fos Tonkin LNG terminal - operated by Elengy, a GDF SUEZ company - celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. The facility has been contributing to the local economy of Fos-sur-Mer since 1972. As one of the first LNG terminals in Europe, the site played an important role in the emergence of the Mediterranean LNG* market.

The Fos Tonkin LNG terminal has received nearly 5,500 ships since it was first commissioned. Today, it still accounts for 10% of France's annual natural gas consumption. The facility has been continually modified and upgraded since 1972, ensuring safe, reliable operation and the ability to cope with customers' evolving needs.

A new renovation project (total investment: €30 million) was launched in 2012 so the site can operate until 2020. An investment project is currently being examined with a view to building a new tank that would enable the site to continue operating until 2035.

Located on the Mediterranean coast, 50 km west of Marseille, the Fos Tonkin terminal operates 24/7, receiving LNG carriers transporting up to 75,000 m³ of LNG, a capacity level appropriate to Mediterranean traffic. The terminal has a send-out capacity of 5.5 billion m³ of natural gas per year and unloaded 101 cargoes in 2011.

* Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is natural gas that has been converted to liquid form by cooling it to lower than 160°C. Liquefied natural gas takes up about 1/600th the volume of natural gas in the gaseous state. When carrying liquefied natural gas at atmospheric pressure, ships can transport large quantities of energy. This is an effective and competitive means of transport for diversifying supply sources and routes and gaining access to distant gas reserves.

***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 shores of the Mediterranean. Elengy has a stake of over 70% in Fosmax LNG and has full ownership of the other two terminals. At an international level, Elengy also offers its services and expertise as a partner for all LNG terminal projects.*

Key figures for 2011:

Regasification capacity:	23.75 billion m ³ of natural gas per year
Quantity of energy received:	over 30% of French natural gas consumption
Shipments received:	220
Customers:	21 for Elengy / 10 for Fosmax LNG
Workforce:	approximately 420 employees

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