

FIRST RELOADING AT THE FOS CAVAOU LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TERMINAL

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On 14 December 2012, Fosmax LNG loaded an LNG* cargo from the Fos Cavaou LNG terminal for the first time, replenishing the tanks of the *Arctic Spirit*. The operation was performed safely and skillfully by teams from Fosmax LNG and Elengy.

The reloading service meets the market's new demands, but is just one of the new services offered by the terminal in 2012. LNG reloading enables gas shippers to manage their supply portfolio more flexibly. The provision of the service demonstrates Fosmax LNG's commercial drive, responsiveness and desire to expand its range of activities.

Located on the Mediterranean coast, 50 km west of Marseille, the Fos Cavaou LNG terminal has received over 135 gas tankers since its start-up. A third of these are Q-Flex vessels (with a capacity of 210,000 m³), but the terminal can also accommodate Q-Max carriers, which are the largest gas tankers in the world (270,000 m³). In 2011, the terminal already handled the equivalent of 11% of all the natural gas consumed in France, though it still has some expansion potential.

* Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is natural gas that has been liquefied by cooling it to minus 160°C. Natural gas in its liquefied form takes up 600 times less space than in its gaseous form. The transportation of natural gas in its liquid form at atmospheric pressure means tankers can ship large volumes of energy, providing an efficient and competitive means of transport with more diversified sources and supply routes, as well as access to remote gas reserves.

About Fosmax LNG: Proprietor of the Fos Cavaou LNG terminal, Fosmax LNG serves all operators who wish to import natural liquefied gas (LNG) to supply the French market and the European markets connected to the French transmission system. Fosmax LNG is a subsidiary of Elengy (72%) and Total (28%). Elengy, a GDF SUEZ company, is Europe's second-largest LNG terminal operator, operating three French LNG terminals – Montoir-de-Bretagne on the Atlantic coast, and Fos Tonkin and Fos Cavaou on the Mediterranean.

2011 key figures:

Regasification capacity	8.25 billion m ³ /year
Storage capacity	330,000 m ³
Shipments received	59
Customers	10