

TOP GRADE RELOADING SERVICE AVAILABLE AT FOS CAVAOU LNG TERMINAL

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Fosmax LNG, which owns the Fos Cavaou LNG terminal, can now offer its customers a top grade reloading service (4,000 m³/h instead of 1,250 m³/h) for ships of up to 200,000 m³ (instead of 100,000 m³).

In preparation for this service, from June 20 until 10 July the terminal had its first-ever full installation shutdown to allow the work of setting up the new pipelines and fitting the relevant valves to take place.

The Fos Cavaou LNG terminal, which opened in 2010 and has a regasification capacity of 8.25 Gm³ per year, has unloaded more than 220 LNG carriers, ranging from Med-Max to Q-Max, and has performed as many as 11 reloading operations since December 2012.

This new service from Fosmax LNG facilitates reloading for its customers and increases their opportunities to carry out such operations, while reducing the port call duration. It also means that the site now ranks, which continues to be one of the busiest LNG terminals in Europe, among the select group of European LNG terminals that can offer a highrate reloading service at flow rates of 4,000 m³/h or more, thereby enhancing the attractiveness of Fos Cavaou.

* 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 (72.5%) and Total (27.5%). 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.*

2013 key figures :

Regasification capacity: 8.25 billion m³ /year
Storage capacity: 330,000 m³
Shipments received: 53 (202 since 2010)