

First call of a Q-Max, the largest LNG carrier in the world, at Montoir-de-Bretagne Elengy Terminal

Elengy's Montoir-de-Bretagne terminal has just received for the first time a Q-Max, the largest LNG carrier in the world. 345 m long (more than the Eiffel Tower) and 54 m wide, the Al Mayeda ship from Qatar (hence the Q of Q-Max) carries up to 267,000 m³ of liquified natural gaz (LNG), approximately ten times the yearly residential energy consumption of the Nantes metropolitan area.

The Montoir-de-Bretagne LNG terminal, in the port of Nantes Saint-Nazaire, is well located to benefit from: a privileged position on the Atlantic coast, right on the entrance to the Loire estuary, with a wide access channel, and with high standard quality port infrastructures and services. Regularly renovated and modernised, the site can not only accommodate these giants of the seas but is now a particularly attractive LNG entry point for France and its neighbouring markets. Over the past few years, , it has been the leader in LNG transshipment operations in Europe, a service provided in complete safety thanks to its two berths configuration.

Since its commissioning in 1980, the Montoir-de-Bretagne LNG terminal has received more than 210 different LNG carriers, out of a world fleet of approximately 570. The LNG shipments not only come from Qatar but from various other countries spanning from Russia to Australia.

A European gateway to the gas market, Elengy Montoir-de-Bretagne industrial site is a major global hub. Today, as a responsible industrial company, Elengy offers services and solutions to promote the use of LNG and is committed to the energy transition alongside other port players. Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port relies in particular on the LNG sector in its approach to the energy and ecological transition of the estuary.

Montoir-de-Bretagne LNG Terminal

125 employees

Started in 1980

- 3 tanks of 120,000 m³ of LNG (1 tank \approx 72,000,000 m³ of gas \approx annual consumption of a city of 200,000 inhabitants)

- regasification capacity: 10 billion m³ of gas per year \approx 1/4 of annual gas consumption in France

- 2 berths capable of accommodating LNG carriers from 65,000 m³ to 267,000 m³ (type Q Max)

2019 Key figures:

- 130 calls: an all-time record*
- 82.7 TWh of gas sent into the transport network (19% of consumption in France)*
- peak flows in March equivalent to the power of 18 nuclear reactors*

About Elengy

Expert in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), Elengy, part of the ENGIE Group, operates three regulated LNG terminals in France: Montoir-de-Bretagne on the Atlantic coast, Fos Cavaou and Fos Tonkin in the Mediterranean. As the gateway to Europe for LNG, the three sites offer the market optimum flexibility for unloading or loading any type of LNG carrier, transshipping between LNG carriers, loading tankers with LNG or regasifying LNG for injection into the transport network.

With LNG, a readily available and competitive solution, Elengy contributes to the energy transition of manufacturers, transporters and energy suppliers who are committed to reducing their environmental footprint. Furthermore, Elengy is developing its services to increase the use of LNG and offer a carbon-neutral service by 2050.

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About Nantes Saint-Nazaire Port

An industrial tool for economic growth and a planner and developer, Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port works in partnership with the Region's public-sector and private-sector stakeholders to deliver added economic and environmental value on the Loire Estuary. It forms the interface between land and sea, receiving nearly 3 000 calls by merchant vessels per year, and is a true international industrial and logistical platform. The activities at the Port of Nantes – Saint Nazaire generate 24 400 jobs at some 500 establishments forming a single port and industrial complex (2015 study by INSEE, the French National Institute of Economic and Statistical Information). A creator of innovative logistical solutions, Nantes – Saint Nazaire Port is working to develop and to diversify the inland waterway freight transport service FlexiLoire, which was launched at the start of 2018, in response to the requirements of the economic players of Greater Western France.

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