

9M09 results

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- Assets brought on stream totalled €892.2Mn, mainly as a result of the commissioning of the Mainland-Balearics pipeline
- The Company managed to cut operating expenses by 4.1% year-on-year and to contain its financial costs
- Enagás is in sound financial health and so will be able to follow through on investments planned until 2012
- In September, Enagás carried out a €147.5Mn private bond placement with the Japanese subsidiary of North American insurer AFLAC
- 9M09 earnings are in line with the Company's 2009 guidance.

Enagás reported net profit of €217.4Mn for the first nine months of 2009, a 8.1% increase on the 9M08 figure of €201.2Mn.

EBITDA totalled €515.5Mn, 5.8% higher than the year-earlier figure of €487.2Mn.

The Company was able to cut operating expenses by 4.1% year-on-year, mainly as a result of implementing its 2008-2010 Efficiency and Cost Containment Plan.

Investments

Enagás invested €763.8Mn in the first nine months of 2009 compared with €536Mn in the same period a year earlier. This is a new record and is in line with the Company's

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forecasts for the year, which point to total investment of €900Mn. Since the beginning of the year, assets worth €892.2Mn have come on stream.

The main projects to come on stream by September 30 include first and foremost the Mainland-Balearics pipeline, the biggest project in size and complexity carried out in the Spanish gas system in recent years.

Also put into operation during the period were the Lemona-Haro, Montesa-Denia and Almeria-Chinchilla gas pipelines, the Lumbier compressor station and enlargement work at the Haro compressor station. In addition, emission capacity at the Barcelona plant was increased from 1,800,000 Nm³/h to 1,950,000 Nm³/h.

In September, the Company announced it had signed an agreement with BP to buy a 25% stake in the BBG regasification plant in Bilbao for €65Mn, inclusive of debt. This transaction, which is awaiting approval by the regulator (the CNE) and the anti-trust authorities, will not raise the Company's intended debt levels.

In the first nine months of 2009, Enagás continued making headway in project permit processes. Until 30 September, the Company obtained permits for infrastructures worth €1,051Mn.

Of all the projects in the Company's investment plan through 2012, roughly 38% are already in operation, another 25% are underway and 29% are close to being authorised.

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Financial position

The Company's net financial debt through 30 September 2009 stood at €2,802.7Mn. Leverage (net debt/total assets) at 30 September 2009 was 52%, versus 47.5% a year earlier.

The average cost of debt in 9M09 was 3.10%, compared with 4.72% at 30 September 2008.

On 15 September, Enagás carried out a private €147.5Mn, 30-year bond placement with the Japanese subsidiary of North American insurer AFLAC. This placement is in addition to the two €500Mn bond issues launched by Enagás in July.

The Company had a total of €1.630Bn of undrawn financial facilities at 30 September.

These figures provide further proof of the sound financial position of Enagás which has all the resources it needs to fund its investments through 2012.

Operating highlights

Total demand for natural gas transported in the system in 9M09 was 296,186 GWh, 12% lower year-on-year. Nevertheless, the trend showed signs of a recovery in the third quarter as the drop in demand narrowed to 5.6% compared with 3Q08.

Consumption of gas for electricity generation (which accounts for 41.4% of total demand) fell by 15.9% vs. 9M08, due partly to the decline in demand for electricity in Spain, and partly to the higher rainfall in 2009 vs. 2008.

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Reinforce Enagás role in the Spanish gas system

The open season process for increasing capacity between France and Spain, in which Enagás actively assisted the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade and the CNE, was a success. For 2013, demand vastly outstripped the capacity offered (by 200% for supply capacity from France into Spain).

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