

The world's largest methane tankers could begin docking at Enagás' regasification plant in Cartagena from this summer

- **Tankers with up to 263,000m³ of capacity could dock at the plant starting this summer**
- **A fifth LNG storage tank, with a capacity of 150,000m³, is currently under construction**

From this summer, the docking facilities at Enagás' regasification plant in Cartagena will be able to receive methane tankers of up to 263,000m³. With the enlargement, the Cartagena plant will be the first of Enagás' plants equipped to unload LNG from tankers this big. Until now, the berth only allowed entry of tankers of up to 140,000m³ of capacity.

Meanwhile, a fifth LNG storage tank, with a capacity of 150,000m³, is currently being built. With the civil engineering part completed, work on the interconnection lines with the plant and on the tank's interior are slated to begin in September.

With an investment of approximately €100Mn, this storage tank is expected to begin operating around the end of 2010. More than 500 people worked on the construction of the tank.

These enlargements come on top of those made in 2008, when the fourth LNG storage tank, with 150,000m³ of capacity, was commissioned, raising emission capacity from 1,200,000 m³(n)/h to 1,350,000 m³(n)/h.

Also last year, work began to enlarge the plant's boil-off gas recovery system.



With the various enlargements, the Cartagena plant will have five LNG storage tanks, with combined capacity of 587,000m³ of LNG, an emission capacity of 1,350,000m³ (n)/h and two methane tanker docks, one for ships of up to 40,000m³ of capacity and one for ships of up to 263,000m³.

Enagás has 200Km of gas pipeline in Region of Murcia, but will add a further 180Km once the two new ones, the Almería-Chinchilla (of which 148Km will go through the region) and the Lorca branch, come on stream this summer.

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