

**NAUTICOR AND GAS NATURAL FENOSA COOPERATE IN  
FIRST LNG BUNKERING OF FURE VINGA IN EUROPE**

- **GAS NATURAL FENOSA** has been awarded a supply operation of 120 tons of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for the Swedish company **FURETANK**. **GAS NATURAL FENOSA**, **NAUTICOR** and **FURETANK** are leaders in the development and operation of LNG.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2018, the new build chemical tanker “Fure Vinga” bunkered LNG for the first time in Europe. In total, the vessel received 120 tons of the environmental-friendly fuel in a truck-to-ship operation in the port of Cartagena. In total, 6 trucks of LNG were brought to the Spanish port and transferred to the vessel. “We are glad that the first LNG bunker operation for Fure Vinga in Europe has been completed smoothly, thanks to the cooperation of all parties involved in the bunker operation, including the ship’s crew and port authorities, as well as the profound preparation by Gas Natural Fenosa and Nauticor”, said **Lars Höglund**, CEO of Furetank in the aftermath of the bunker operation.

The LNG experts from Hamburg-based Nauticor GmbH & Co. KG and Madrid-based Gas Natural Fenosa decided to join forces and cooperate in order to jointly enable this operation, thereby enlarging their LNG bunkering network and adding further evidence of the Europe-wide availability of LNG as marine fuel. “Combining our LNG expertise has made this bunkering a complete success, evidencing to the customer that the availability of LNG as a bunker fuel is improving by the day”, stated **Mahinde Abeynaike**, CEO of Nauticor. “With this type of cooperation it is evident that the use of LNG as a marine fuel is an economic, real and available solution for shipping companies, guaranteeing supply in ports of different areas”, **Joaquin Mendiluce** General Manager of Gas Natural Comercializadora said.

Swedish flagged “Fure Vinga” is the first of a series of six new build chemical tankers and owned and operated by Donsö based LNG frontrunner Furetank. The vessel is the second LNG-fuelled ship in the company’s fleet after the retrofitted chemical tanker “Fure West”, which has been running on LNG since 2015.

For Nauticor, which is already supplying Furetank’s “Fure West” in Northwest Europe, the cooperation with Gas Natural Fenosa shows new possibilities of LNG supply. Nauticor has been a frontrunner in the development of LNG for maritime applications and has developed thorough experience and a dense network of LNG bunker locations in Northwest Europe over the last years.

GNF has led innovative LNG solutions in recent years, and is committed to leading the development of the LNG bunker in Iberia both through specific supplies such as the one made to the Fure Vinga, and long-term contracts such as the one signed with Balearia.

### **GAS NATURAL FENOSA**

GAS NATURAL FENOSA is a leading multinational group in the energy sector headquartered in Madrid, leader in integrated gas and electricity company in Spain and Latin America. Operating in more than 30 countries, it has an installed capacity of 15.4 MW and a diversified electricity generation mix and it is one of the biggest natural gas distributors in Latin America. The company focuses its efforts on the commitment to service and safety for its more than 18 million customers across five continents and its more than 15.000 staff of professionals.

GAS NATURAL FENOSA is the leader in the marketing of gas in the Iberian Peninsula and one of the main liquefied natural gas (LNG) operators in the world. The company supplies LNG not only to Spain, but also to customers around the world. It is a leading global operator in LNG since 1969 present throughout the gas value chain with a supply portfolio of 30bcm in the Atlantic and Mediterranean basins, and a fleet of 9 LNG carriers. As an LNG expert, Gas Natural Fenosa develops LNG bunker infrastructure at the ports providing personalised solutions to the shipping companies and is playing a crucial role in the market of LNG bunkering in the Mediterranean.

### **Nauticor GmbH & Co. KG**

The Hamburg based company Nauticor GmbH & Co. KG is a leading supplier of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as fuel for ships. As a part of The Linde Group, a world-wide leading gas and engineering company, Nauticor combines a broad range of competencies in cryogenic technology, logistics, and bunkering to develop LNG supply solutions for maritime customers in Northwest Europe. It is Nauticor's strategy to cover the entire LNG value chain from the terminal to the end customer, including sourcing, transport, storage and bunkering in strategically important ports.

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