

## Press Release

**Skikda explosion will not affect Distrigas – 20 Jan. 2004**

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Distrigas wishes to confirm that the explosion which destroyed a large part of the LNG plant in Skikda (Algeria) yesterday will have no impact on supplies to its customers.

The Skikda terminal accounts for some 25% of Algerian LNG exports.

Under a contract with Sonatrach, Distrigas' Algerian supplies come exclusively from the Arzew terminal, the only one accessible to large LNG carriers such as the *Methania* and the *Mourad Didouche*, which are chartered by our company. The Arzew terminal accounts for 75% of Algerian liquefaction capacity for natural gas.

Distrigas has always made sure that its sources of supply were diversified: in 2003, Algerian LNG accounted for less than 20% of its imports into Belgium. The other long-term sources are Norway (35%) and the Netherlands (31%), with the balance coming from spot markets.

For Distrigas, this diversified portfolio of long-term supply contracts – supplemented by spot purchases – constitutes a major guarantee for its customers' supply security.

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