

## Press Release

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### First loading of 'small scale' methane carrier at LNG terminal Zeebrugge

Distrigas and Gasnor today realised an important step in the development of their commercial relations.

Distrigas, after having pioneered the loading of conventional size LNG vessels during the summer of 2008, completed delivery of the first cargo on board a 'small scale' LNG vessel to Gasnor at Zeebrugge. This operation has been made possible thanks to the excellent co-operation between Gasnor, Distrigas, Fluxys LNG operator of the Zeebrugge terminal and the authorities of Zeebrugge.

The cargo of 7 500 m<sup>3</sup> of LNG has been loaded on board the Coral Methane, a multi-purpose liquefied gas carrier.

The cargo will be transported to Gasnor LNG terminal located in Norway.

Small Scale LNG Trade is a fast growing activity, especially in Scandinavia where LNG is amongst others used as an environmentally friendly fuel for ferries and where Gasnor operates as the market leader. This growth is driven by economical and environmental considerations putting LNG at a clear advantage.

Distrigas is a key player on the natural gas market in Western Europe. Its activities encompass sales to industrial companies, natural gas resellers and power producers. Distrigas is part of Eni, the biggest gas company in Europe.

Gasnor is the leading Norwegian distributor of natural gas in Scandinavia. The fastest-growing segments of its business are LNG supplies to industrial clients and clean fuel for sea transport.

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