



**Puerto de Huelva**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The Port of Huelva and Enagás forge ahead with their project to make use of the cold produced during the regasification process at their facilities**

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**Huelva, 1 March 2017.-** The Port Authority of Huelva and Enagás have signed a memorandum of understanding for the commencement of a new energy efficiency project linked to the use of residual cold produced at the Enagás regasification plant. Representing the Port Authority of Huelva at the event was its Chairman, Javier Barrero López, and General Manager, Ignacio Álvarez-Ossorio Ramos, while acting on behalf of Enagás was the company's Chief Executive Officer, Marcelino Oreja, and the General Manager of Infrastructures, Claudio Rodríguez Suárez.

The aim of the project is the potential exploitation of the cold (-160°C) from the Liquefied Natural Gas that is regasified at the Enagás plant to supply cooling to installations located in the Port of Huelva. This initiative could allow any cold storage facilities set up at the port to be supplied with cooling at very competitive rates. This could mean a reduction of 40-50% in energy costs for this type of building. The result of this action will provide the Port of

Huelva with a significant competitive advantage as a logistics hub for the handling of refrigerated cargo.

The project is within the framework of the Enagás energy efficiency and sustainability strategy. Through the different initiatives and investment, the strategy has enabled the company to reduce its carbon footprint by 50% over the past two years, and by more than 90% at the Port of Huelva. Enagás is a leader on the main sustainability indices and has been acknowledged as the tenth most sustainable company in the world according to the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World index, presented at the Davos Economic Forum.

This initiative will be executed by a recently created Enagás subsidiary called 'Enagás 4 Efficiency', which is the result of the 'Enagás Emprende' programme, which was launched to foster the development of start-ups created by employees and external workers in the field of energy efficiency and uses of natural gas.

The agreement also covers the basic lines for promoting new logistics services for LNG, which will be supplied from the Enagás regasification plant, located in the service area of the Port of Huelva.

The purpose of this is to increase competitiveness of LNG services, their technical feasibility, the use of the regasification plant and the traffic of this type of energy at the Port of Huelva by means of a common strategy.

In particular, the Port of Huelva is an active member of the CORE LNGas hive, a 42-member project that is co-financed by the European Commission and coordinated by Enagás. The aim of this project is to develop a safe and efficient, integrated logistics and supply chain for LNG in the transport industry, particularly the marine transport of the Iberian Peninsula. It involves 25 studies, to be conducted by the partner companies for the adaptation of infrastructure and logistical and commercial development in order to offer small-scale supply services and bunkering.

The first preparatory stage prior to the commencement of the project at the Port of Huelva, which took place between April and December 2016, involved conducting the relevant analyses of infrastructure for the provision of multimodal services. The second stage, currently taking place, with a duration between October 2016 and April 2017, entails the contrasting of the results of the first stage with studies on market demand that have already been conducted, for the purpose of reaching conclusions as to the feasibility of the project. This second stage also sees the Port Authority of Huelva performing engineering studies for the adaptation of existing infrastructure. Enagás, in turn, is conducting an engineering study on the adaptation of the jetty for small-scale and bunkering activities.

These actions fall within the strategy by the Port of Huelva to encourage consolidation and diversification, improved competitiveness and the development of infrastructure and multimodality, while acting in accordance with the *Port of Huelva Strategic Plan 2012–2017, with a view to 2022*, given that this is a new service that complements already existing ones and enables the use of a more environmentally friendly energy.