

### **Distrigas buys the Methania**

Distrigas has acquired the LNG carrier *Methania* from Exmar. The vessel will therefore continue to play an important role in Distrigas's LNG supply and enable the company to reinforce its position in the LNG transport segment and to capture commercial opportunities.

Tecto, a subsidiary of Exmar specialising in ship-management for large gas carriers, oil tankers and bulk carriers, will continue to manage the *Methania* and her crew on behalf of Distrigas.

Distrigas also co-owns the *Berge Boston* (49%), in partnership with the Norwegian shipping company Bergesen. This LNG carrier is under a long-term charter to SUEZ LNG North America (SUEZ LNG NA LLC) and is mainly used for transporting LNG from Trinidad to the North American market.

Distrigas has over 25 years experience in the LNG sector. Imported mainly from Algeria, LNG accounts for almost a quarter of the natural gas consumed in Belgium.



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Note to editors:

**Distrigas** S.A. is a natural gas merchant company active in Western Europe. With a strong experience of 75 years, Distrigas has developed a partnership with its customers -industries, distribution companies, electricity producers and natural gas resellers- by offering them complete and tailor-made solutions at competitive price, combined with flexibility and security of supply.

To meet the requirements of its customers, Distrigas carries out several activities: natural gas sales and trading (arbitrage); sale of transit and international transport capacity; LNG trade and shipping.

Distrigas is part of SUEZ, an international industrial and services group active in the fields of energy and the environment.

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