



## PRESS RELEASE

Bergen/Rotterdam, May 6, 2009

### FIRST MULTI PURPOSE SMALL LNG TANKER

The Rotterdam gas shipping specialist Anthony Veder has just taken its first liquefied natural gas (LNG) tanker into its fleet. This vessel represents a world first, in that it can transport LNG but also other gases such as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and petrochemical gases.

Named the Coral Methane, the vessel will be transporting natural gas for Gasnor, which is the market leader in distributing small parcels of LNG in Norway. Gasnor is currently expanding this business in the northern part of Europe. Gasnor's concept for small-scale LNG production and distribution has seen it become the focus of international attention.

The Coral Methane uses LNG for fuel itself, hence CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are reduced by around 20%. Particles and NOx emissions are also significantly reduced ( particles by nearly 100% and NOx emissions by approximately 85%).

Coral Methane will be loading at Gasnor's Kollsnes LNG production facility but she can also load at the major LNG import terminals in Zeebrugge, Belgium and Huelva in Spain, as well as other large LNG terminals in Europe.

"For our company this vessel is a big step forward in the distribution of clean energy," said Anthony Veder Managing Director, Jan Valkier. "We think that this is the future because in a lot of places in the world there is no easy access to clean gas and the demand is too small to deliver by pipelines."

"For Gasnor, Coral Methane brings a big opportunity," said Gasnor Managing Director, Eilef Stange. "We believe that re-distribution of LNG from the bigger LNG import terminals in Europe to smaller LNG terminals close to industrial customers and to harbour terminals for fuel for ships, is the future".

Currently, Anthony Veder is working on developing solutions for LNG transport for islands in both the Mediterranean and in the Caribbean.

Gasnor is expanding its business in the northern part of Europe. The Norwegian firm signed a five-year contract in June last year with the Spanish company Iberdrola for loading LNG at the terminal in Huelva, southern Spain.

Attached: photo of the Coral Methane

Anthony Veder is a Rotterdam shipping firm specialised in the worldwide transport of liquefied gases. The Dutch company operates a fleet of 18 gas tankers and employs around 350 people.

For more information: [www.anthonyveder.com](http://www.anthonyveder.com)

Or please contact Anthony Veder Managing Director, Jan Valkier: 00 31 10 4004781 or 00 31 653 246239 (mobile).

Gasnor is a Norwegian based gas distribution company, with 3 production facilities for LNG in Norway and local distribution grids. Gasnor supply around 2 TWh of energy last year as LNG and pipeline gas.

For more information: [www.gasnor.no](http://www.gasnor.no)

Or please contact Gasnor Managing Director, Eilef Stange: 00 47 52823450 or 00 47 918 61 360 (mobile).