



New Home for the FLNG

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YPF awards EXMAR a long-term contract to produce and export the first LNG from Argentina

Barge-based floating liquefaction unit **Caribbean FLNG** to be redeployed as **Tango FLNG** to the Port of Bahía Blanca in the second quarter of 2019.

EXMAR NV of Belgium (ERB: EXM) and YPF of Argentina (BCBA: YPFD) announce the signing of a firm, ten-year agreement to deploy EXMAR's barge-based floating LNG liquefaction unit (FLNG) currently known as **Caribbean FLNG** to produce and export LNG from the Vaca Muerta source at the Neuquén Basin in Argentina.

The project marks the entry of Argentina to the select club of global LNG exporting nations, with an initial plan to export 500,000 tons of LNG per year to overseas markets.

EXMAR's FLNG barge will be named **Tango FLNG** and be deployed to the port of Bahia Blanca. This will mark the beginning of a close, joint commercial relationship that will transform the country's energy matrix. Argentina will become a relevant and reliable LNG supplier for both regional and world markets.

"We are delighted to reach this agreement with YPF. It opens up new markets and opportunities for the fast-track monetization of natural gas reserves along new routes of energy. We are confident that EXMAR's experience in the region and unique expertise in liquefaction will support YPF's ambition to become a significant LNG supplier" commented Nicolas Saverys, EXMAR's Chief Executive Officer.

"Thanks to the commercial relationship with EXMAR we are now able to add value to the resources extracted from Vaca Muerta, and take full advantage of the seasonal opportunity with Asian markets and our unique location to serve demand centers", said Miguel Gutierrez, President of YPF.

This project confirms the relevance and demand for providing innovative floating LNG solutions to a growing market. The unique FLNG technology developed by EXMAR is the result of innovative leadership and more than 40 years of experience in the LNG and LPG industry.

More details about the project:

The FLNG, which will be named **Tango FLNG**, is a floating unit with a liquefaction capacity of 500,000 tons of LNG per annum. This is a tolling agreement between both parties with the necessary permits and the infrastructure onshore confirmed as available.

Up to eight LNG cargoes per year will be produced over a ten-year period.

EXMAR's **Tango FLNG** is the first niche scale, barge-based unit of its kind creating unique value for its customer to produce LNG at competitive rates. Its arrival on site and start-up of operations are anticipated during the second quarter of 2019. EXMAR's many years of experience in LNG ship-to-ship transfers, storage and regasification at this same terminal with locally-trained colleagues will stand it in good stead for this new project.



The hire rate of the unit is partially based on a floating rate with an expected EBITDA of around USD 43.0 million per year based on the estimated production of the **Tango FLNG** with upside potential depending on the market environment.

About EXMAR

EXMAR is a provider of floating solutions for the operation, transportation and transformation of gas. EXMAR's mission is to serve customers with innovations in the field of offshore extraction, transformation, production, storage and transportation by sea of liquefied natural gases, petrochemical gases and liquid hydrocarbons.

EXMAR creates economically viable and sustainable energy value chains in long-term alliances with first class business partners. EXMAR designs, builds, certifies, owns, leases and operates specialized, floating maritime infrastructure for this purpose as well as aiming for the highest standards in performing commercial, technical, quality assurance and administrative management for the entire maritime energy industry.

EXMAR has been a pioneer in introducing innovations along the entire LNG and LPG value chain for offshore and inshore ship-to-ship transfers, regasification and floating liquefaction (FLNG) projects around the world. EXMAR is one of the world's largest operator of floating regasification units, with 24/7 management of 11 FSRUs.

About YPF

YPF is the main energy company in Argentina and leader in the production of non-conventional resources. It is an integrated energy company that generates a varied offer: natural gas, electricity, fuels, petrochemical inputs, lubricants and agricultural products, among others. It has more than 1500 service stations that allow it to supply all points of the country.



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