



“Brunsbüttel is the perfect site for LNG”

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“We are already experiencing a strong interest in a terminal for liquefied natural gas in Brunsbüttel,” says Katja Freitag, spokesperson for German LNG Terminal GmbH, in an interview with the business journal “Nord Wirtschaft”, “so we could already sign a number of Heads of Agreement.”

German LNG Terminal GmbH is a joint venture between Dutch companies Gasunie LNG Holding B.V., Vopak LNG Holding B.V. and Oiltanking GmbH, a subsidiary of Marquard & Bahls AG based in Hamburg / Germany. The terminal will provide a wide range of services at Brunsbüttel, including the loading and unloading of LNG carriers, the temporary storage of LNG, regasification, feeding natural gas into the German natural gas network, and distribution of LNG via tank trucks, ships or rail tank cars.

“Brunsbüttel is in the ideal geographical location,” Freitag continues. “The port is easily accessible for the Qmax carriers that bring the LNG. From there it is only about three hours by ship to the port of Hamburg where the LNG is required as fuel for shipping. The port is based at the entrance to the Kiel Canal and enables access to the Baltic and Scandinavian markets.”

The spokesperson went on to report that the company has a highly motivated team with international specialists who are drawing on their experience to plan and implement the terminal. The three shareholding companies have a wealth of experience in the sector. Two of the companies have been successfully operating a comparable terminal in Rotterdam for many years.

Europe has 36 LNG terminals through which liquefied natural gas (LNG) is brought ashore. The average occupancy rate of existing terminals continued to increase last year. Germany has no LNG terminal of its own and therefore has to resort to Rotterdam or Zeebrugge despite the fact that Germany is the largest natural gas market in Europe.

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