



PORT AUTHORITY / PETRONOR

Concession for developing strategic, innovative and sustainable projects

The **Port Authority of Bilbao's** Board of Directors has decided to award Petronor, a subsidiary of the Repsol group, a tender for a 46,700 square-metre plot in the Port of Bilbao, in Punta Sollana, to implement a strategic project of global scope and a world benchmark, linked to innovation and environmental sustainability, which will contribute to reducing CO2 emissions and to developing the hydrogen economy around the port as a central hub.

Phase I of the project consists of building one of the largest synthetic fuel production plants in the world. (For more information and graphics, see page 6)

The project will continue with Phases II and III, which will be located beside the first, will require an additional investment of 76 million euros and consist of a plant generating gas from urban waste such as paper, cardboard, plastic and textile.

The resulting gas will be used as fuel for the refinery.

THE LAST PLOT OF INDUSTRIAL LAND

The 46,700 square metres awarded by the **Port Authority** in Punta Sollana was the last vacant plot in the industrial area of the port of Bilbao, in the Outer Abra.

In the public tender, Petronor's project competed against two other very interesting projects.

The **Port Authority** stated that "the proposal chosen is linked to aspects such as innovation, state of the art technology, sustainability, decarbonisation and energy transition contributing to the reduction of the carbon footprint, criteria that are also aligned with the **Port Authority's** strategy to make the port of Bilbao a more sustainable and innovative space" as well as for its technical and investment aspects.

INDUSTRIAL AREA

The awarding of this plot finalises the development of the industrial area of Punta Lucero/Punta Sollana. A space occupying almost 865,000 m2 that partly arose from the quarry that offers it protection, and which supplied the materials for the Punta Lucero breakwater and the enlargement of the port in the Outer Abra, and on another part of the land reclaimed from the sea.



RollDock agents

Since last 16 September, **Insignia Shipping (Grupo Pérez y Cía.)** is officially the new RollDock agent for Spain and Portugal.



RollDock is a worldwide design load shipowner and has nine highly specific ships for "heavy cargoes". Within the design load maritime segment, RollDock Shipping is outstanding for the versatility of its fleet. The shipping company has six heavy-cargo ships with cranes that can handle up to 700 tons, semi-submersible vessels and Roll On-Roll Off possibilities, "as well as three "open wide deck" ships.

The **Pérez y Cía. Group** has a wide network of offices and activities in Spain (Peninsula and Canary Islands) ■



2020 "avante"

Despite these uncertain economic times, **Frioport** continues investing in the development and improvement of its refrigerated installations.

Among the investments in its machine room, we can include a new and more efficient compressor, motor and a frequency converter together with a high-performance UPS. Four quick-action double doors with their corresponding dehumidifiers have been purchased for the cold rooms. A system of ultra-tough PVC fenders with a metal core are being fitted in the loading bays.

Regarding the vehicles, the forklifts and their utensils are being renewed for greater efficiency of the terminal.

All these improvements are already being installed and will gradually enter into service during 2020, requiring an investment of over 200,000 euros.



The **Frioport** terminal, located on the front mooring line in the port of Bilbao, has 15,150 m³ of negative refrigeration and 8,000 m³ of positive refrigeration, offering storage and logistical services for weighing, classification, packaging and marking, preparation of orders, hiring of transport and customs clearance among others, as well as railway access up to the terminal ■

PORT AUTHORITY OF BILBAO

Work valued at 8.47 million euros to finalise the Central pier is awarded

The "Construction project for development of the Central Pier in the enlargement of the Port de Bilbao in the Outer Abra" has been awarded to a joint venture formed by the companies Lantania, S.A.U.-Iza Obras and Promociones, S.A. Valued at 8.47 million euros, with 20% of European financing, and eight-month completion time. The area to be urbanised in this first stage is approximately 200,000 square metres, of which 341,784 were reclaimed from the sea in the first construction phase of this pier.



A NEW VERSION OF THE APP FOR ADVANCED NOTIFICATIONS OF CARRIERS

The **Port Authority**, through its telematic e-puerto-bilbao platform, has implemented a new version of its mobile App that enables advanced notifications for access to the port and the port terminals.

The new version appears four years after the launch of the App, offering, on the one hand, a new graphic interface to facilitate usability, following the criteria of good practices and norms of Material Design, and on the other, incorporating new functionalities for the advanced notifications for access to the general goods terminals that are automating their entrance gates. Finally, it enables the synchronisation of advanced notification on different devices ■

Tepsa purchased by Rubis Terminal

Last July, Terminales Portuarias S.L. – **Tepsa** announced that, after three decades of continuous growth under the management of Pétrofrance S.A., the shareholders have decided to hand over the baton and sell the company to Rubis Terminal, a European leader in the storage sector.

The transfer of **Tepsa** to Rubis Terminal, a joint venture between the French publicly listed company Rubis, and the US investment fund 1 Squared Capital, is seen as "a decisive step forward for the company". This operation will enable **Tepsa** to join a larger group, on an international scale, with which it shares many fundamental values, and will allow it to develop in Spain as well as abroad.



This transaction means, "both for Rubis Terminal and **Tepsa**, a unique opportunity to move forward together and become one of the European leaders in the sector".

Tepsa, thanks to its high-value assets and its management team, matches perfectly with the organisation of Rubis Terminal and will be a key platform for growth in the Iberian Peninsula and southern Europe.

Tepsa, a leading company in the storage of bulk liquids, chemical, petroleum and biofuel products, began its operations in the port of Bilbao in 1968, and currently has 79 tanks with a storage capacity of over 320,000 m³ under the concept of "Flexible Tanking", i.e., the ability to quickly adapt to market needs and offer a wide range of services.

Tepsa is also outstanding for its commitment to connectivity. The terminal has railway access with sidings for railway operations inside the premises, and it is interconnected with other installations such as Petronor's refinery. It is also connected to the national network of oil pipelines, thus extending its scope of influence and added-value services ■

Opens its first fuel station in Mexico

This is the first fuel station opened by **Avia** in México since the recent liberalization of the fuel station sector in the country.

The fuel station, located in Acámbaro, a city in the state of Guanajuato, north of Mexico City, is the beginning of an ambitious expansion plan. **Avia** is one of the principal petroleum product distributors in Spain, with more than 195 fuel stations and a network of 34 diesel distribution warehouses. The brand has been present in Europe for over 80 years, with more than 3,000 fuel stations in 15 countries.



Avia's logistical centre is located in the port of Bilbao, with 45,000 m² of totally automated installations and storage capacity for 220 million litres.

Avia's terminal manages reception, storage and exploitation of petroleum products: The latest technology petrol and diesel fuel for automobiles, industrial, naval and agricultural use ■



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UNIPORT

PORT OF BILBAO NEWS publishes its issue No. 90

Uniport, the association of companies of the logistical community - port of Bilbao, has been publishing this sector newsletter continuously every quarter since 1998.

With a current print run of nearly 9,000 copies, it has gradually been digitized, although around 1,800 copies are still printed on paper.

Its goal: To promote knowledge of the port of Bilbao in exporters, importers, administrations and other public entities, as well as in its wide-ranging logistical - port community from the dynamic activities of the sector.

These years of publication enable it to be a witness as well as a provider of contents, as it has recorded precise data on the history of the port of Bilbao during the last twenty years ■



CONTAINERSHIPS

Prepared for Brexit

Containerships informs that it has been and continues actively working so that the effective exit of the United Kingdom from the EU, as of 1 January 2021, will be simple operationally: "**Containerships** has organised a task force to deal with this issue, essential for 2021, regarding which, the shippers are getting ready and requesting information. We have customs brokers in the group, who will facilitate and speed up all the procedures at a very competitive cost."

During the COVID pandemic, **Containerships** maintained since March its six weekly departures from the port of Bilbao and expects to increase direct weekly services to European ports, as a result of the merger of Macandrews and **Containerships** which took place in 2019 and is now fully consolidated.

From the port of Bilbao, **Containerships** offers services for container goods with: The United Kingdom (Liverpool, Greenock, Poole, Bristol, Tilbury), Ireland (Dublin), Russia (St Petersburg), Latvia (Riga), Estonia (Tallinn), Lithuania (Klaipeda), Sweden (Helsingborg, Stockholm), Norway (Oslo, Bergen, Moss, Alesund, Kristiansund), Finland (Helsinki, Kotka) for all types of containers (dry, reefer, open-top, IMO, flat rack, among others) ■



DEBUSMAN

Trustworthy port sector suppliers

Elitecross®Solutions, a trademark of **Debusman**, continues expanding its solutions for the port sector.

The company recently supplied to different ports in central and south America new fenders and bollards from the Elitecross®Fenders line during the months of confinement, among them, to the ports of Coronel and Ventanas in Chile and Santa Marta port in Colombia, and recently new fenders for the container terminal and the general cargo terminal in the port of Alicante, which will be complemented with Elitecross®Bollards, as well as the elements for anchoring the bollards and the supervision and certification of their anchoring.

In the Elitecross®Solutions range for ports, **Debusman** offers the Elitecross®AMP system, equipment that enables electrical power to be supplied to ships berthed at the quay, thus avoiding environmental pollution.



In this range of products and services, **Debusman**, together with their technological partners, offers a wide range of equipment - both mobile and fixed - for the dock/terminal as well as for all sorts of ships, designed to eliminate pollution during their stay in the port ■

Culminates its plant reunification project

Towards the end of 2015, **Ask Chemical España** embarked "on a fascinating adventure", to build a new plant that would place **ASK Chemicals** on the road to the future, consolidating in a single centre, in the port of Bilbao, all the activities formerly carried out in their centres in Castro Urdiales, Idiazabal and Artziniega, three towns not far away from each other and near the port.

Next October 2020, the last phase of the Cataleya Project will conclude with the total relocation of the Castro Urdiales installations, "an important landmark after being our main plant in Spain for several decades, in operation since 1976."

Far from supporting delocalization, the company highlights that "this project is absolutely strategic to **ASK Chemicals**. Thanks to the professionalism and commitment of our workforce, we have carried out the transition and technological improvement with zero accidents. The road has not been easy and has required extra effort to achieve all the goals satisfactorily. Therefore, we can be very proud of the effort put into it and the results achieved", commented Pablo Zarranz, plant manager.

The new factory, requiring a 15 million-euro investment, has state of the art installations for manufacturing auxiliary products for the foundry sector: sleeves, paint, resins and catalysts, with the safety of workers and respect for the environment as fundamental premises in the design of workflows and production processes.

The plant, strategically located in the port of Bilbao,



centralises the logistical operations to serve southwestern European markets as well as other connections with our principal markets.

With its new installations in the port of Bilbao 100% finished and in operation, **ASK Chemicals** begins a new stage in its long and active corporate history ■

A new service for Northern Europe

WEC Lines has announced a new container service between Spain and Northern Europe (the continent as well as the United Kingdom), starting on 24 October 2020, "catering for market needs."

The service is structured in Spain through hubs in



Madrid, Zaragoza, Valencia and Barcelona, which connect with the port of Bilbao using intermodal transport.

The base port in Europe is Moerdijk (the Netherlands), strategically located to offer rapid and competitive coverage to the markets of Holland, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway and Poland, by maritime and intermodal connections via barge and railway.

The base ports in the United Kingdom are Thamesport, Immingham, Teesport and Blyth. Oslo, Moss and Kristiansand in Norway. The German hub is located in Duisburg and the Polish in Wroclaw.

The **WEC Lines** office in Bilbao states that the service will be weekly, with fixed departure and arrival dates, covering most of the combinations within a week ■



BREXIT: COMPANIES INFORM

This number includes a special section on the UNIPORT WEBSITE, presenting novelties launched by associated companies.

Among other sections, it will include:

Information sessions
Operational novelties
Administrative novelties.

<https://www.uniporobilbao.es/es/empresas-informan>



Global Safe Site certificate

Bahía Bizkaia Gas (BBG), has obtained the GLOBAL SAFE SITE certification granted by Bureau Veritas, which verifies that the protocol defined to guarantee service during the current pandemic complies with health requirements and which also records compliance with good practices regarding COVID19 prevention.

The certification has focused on actions carried out by **BBG** to ensure the safety of people who work in the work centres, as well as collaborating companies and contractors, and it verifies that Bahía de Bizkaia Gas has implemented the necessary risk prevention and health and safety procedures, installations and cleanliness and disinfection to curb the expansion of the coronavirus ■



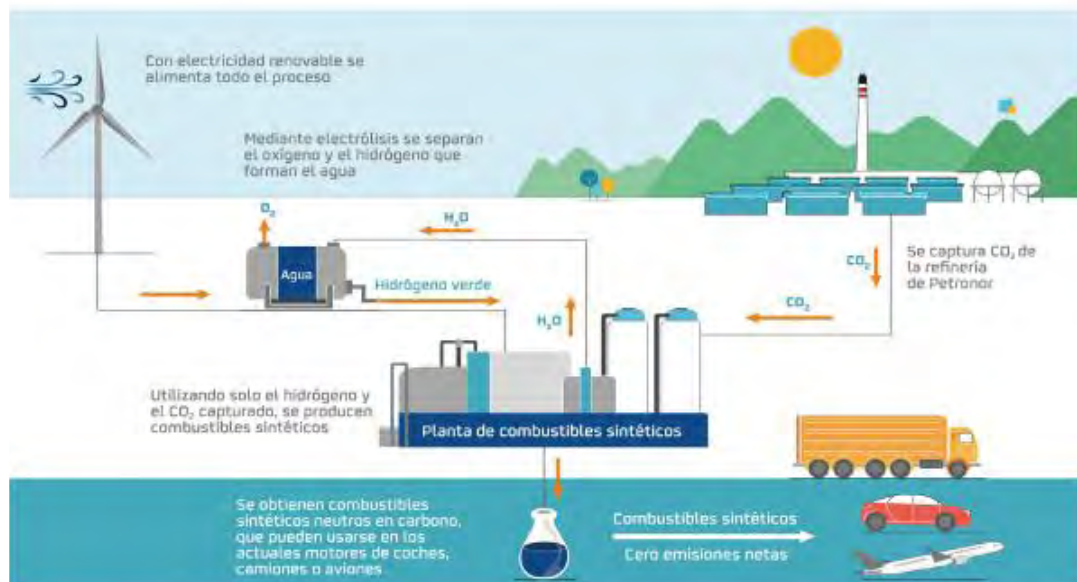
REPSOL / PETRONOR

Its synthetic fuel plant nominated as one of the most important initiatives for decarbonization in the sector according to FulsEurope

FuelsEurope, the association of the refining industry in Europe, sees Petronor's future installation for synthetic fuels, in which the company will invest 60 million euros, one of the most relevant R&D initiatives for decarbonization in the sector.

Last June 15th, **Repsol and Petronor** launched a project, which will be located in the port of Bilbao, to develop one of the largest synthetic fuel plants in the world, in which the only raw materials to be used will be CO₂ and green hydrogen generated from the electrolysis of water carried out with renewable energy.

The installations, which will be fully operational in four years, will be a benchmark in Europe, due to the cutting-edge technology used and the use of the CO₂ captured in **Petronor's** refinery ■



The first dual gas/diesel tugboat is in service

The companies **Remolcadores Ibaizabal and Astilleros de Murueta**, after trials carried out last July, have put into service a new dual tugboat - the Ibaizabal Quince- powered by Gas (LNG) and Diesel, in the port of Bilbao.



This innovative tugboat is 28 metres long, 12 metres in breadth, with a gross weight of 397 GT, tow capacity of 55 tons and reaching a top speed of 12 knots.

Its placement on the market is the result of a project with European finance "Core LNGas hive" in which over 40 organizations in Spain and Portugal have participated. Regarding the Basque Country, in addition to **Remolcadores Ibaizabal and Astilleros de Murueta**, the Basque Energy Board / **Bahía Bizkaia Gas** and the **Port Authority of Bilbao** have also participated.

The "Core LNGas hive" project, coordinated by Enagas, develops an integrated, secure and efficient logistics chain to supply liquefied natural gas - LNG- (small scale and bunkering) as a fuel in the transport sector, especially maritime, in the Iberian Peninsula ■

Opens digital configuration in its E2 Terminal

Bergé has put into operation the new digitalised management system for Terminal E2 in the port of Bilbao, incorporating important technological developments which aim to reduce the time taken for different processes and procedures that affect clients, shipowners, manufacturers, shippers, receivers and/or carriers.

Access to the terminal will be from two different points; one for private vehicles, employees and visitors, and the other, the truck buffer, for carriers. Both have the technology for controlling and monitoring entries and exits of industrial vehicles or weighing on scales with immediate automated issuing of invoices and “just in time information”. All increasing compliance with the prevention measures established in the Covid19 situation.

In the management area, this has meant the implementation of a new ERP system for managing goods, which will initially be applied to unitized cargo, although it will be extended to other products in the future.

With these new installations, **Bergé** responds to the requirements of the new Union Customs Code (UCC) and offers greater safety, both for people as well as the goods stored, applying AEO (Authorised Economic Operator) standards.

Bergé’s new configuration in the port of Bilbao will serve as a reference for the rest of the ports in Spain where they are present.

Bergé has three terminals in the port of Bilbao, which move almost 4 million tons per year and consign about 800 ships ■



Investment to improve access

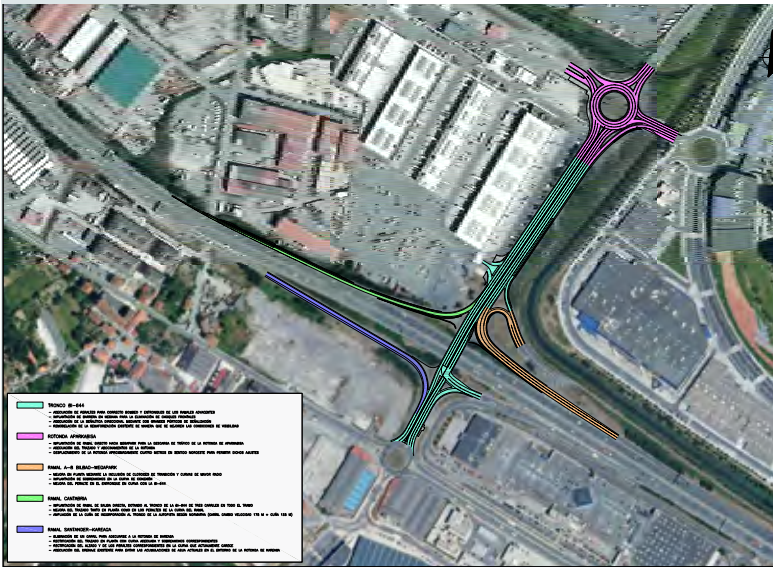
The Department of Infrastructures and Territorial Development of the County Council of Bizkaia has announced the commencement, this September, of work to improve connections between the A-8 (Cantabrian highway) and Aparkabisa, requiring an investment of 4.1 million euros.

The road involved in this action bears heavy traffic (averaging 54,000 vehicles a day, of which 4,000 are heavy) and the work will improve access to Aparkabisa, main transport centre in the Basque Country, located a few kilometres from the port of Bilbao.

The County Council of Bizkaia will invest 1,025 million euros, up to December this year in work to restore the road surface and maintain the false tunnels of Mamariga on the N-644. This action will improve safety in the principal road access to the port of Bilbao, and completes the work to modernise the tunnels of de Mamariga, finished in 2019, which required an investment of 5.9 million euros ■



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Working together on the continuous improvement and innovation in competitiveness to promote the port of Bilbao, ...because progress is not made alone

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