



Press release  
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## **Europe's largest inland waterway LNG bunker barge, owned by LNG Shipping and chartered by Shell, hits the water**

Tuzla, July 7, 2023 – The RMK Marine shipyard launched the Energy Stockholm, a liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunker barge, into the water today. With a capacity of 8,000m<sup>3</sup>, the vessel is owned and operated by LNG Shipping (a joint venture between Victrol and Sogestran) and on a long-term time charter to Shell Western LNG B.V.(Shell) for bunkering operations in the Antwerp-Rotterdam-Amsterdam (ARA) region.

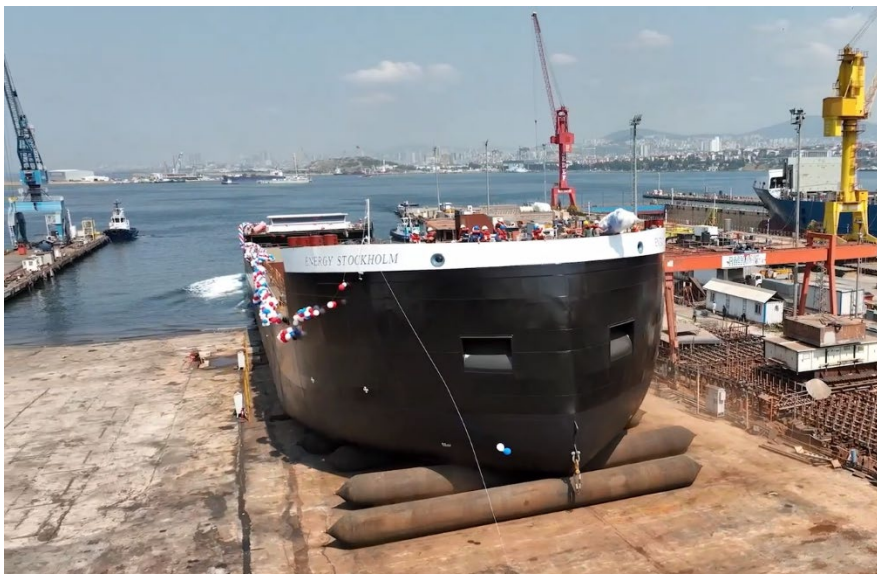
Tahir Faruqi, Global Head of Downstream LNG at Shell, said: "We are steadily expanding our bunker assets to enable LNG's immediate availability and accessibility in supporting shipping decarbonisation. The new barge will increase Shell's bunkering capacity in the ARA region. She will soon join our LNG fuelling network, which is the largest in the world with 12 bunker vessels across 19 locations."

This is the second inland waterway barge that LNG Shipping and Shell are collaborating on. The first was the 3000m<sup>3</sup> LNG London launched in July 2019.

David Patron, Market Director Oil-Chemicals-Gases at Sogestran, representing LNG Shipping, said: "The Energy Stockholm will benefit from four years of operational experience on the LNG London and is poised to meet a range of customer demands, from ferries to large carriers. She is at the forefront of new technologies, with features that help consume less energy and reduce emissions."

The Energy Stockholm is Europe's largest inland waterway LNG bunker barge built to date, incorporating state of the art technology that improves fuel efficiency compared to existing assets in operation. The vessel has a dual-fuel propulsion, able to use cargo boil off gas. She will be the first LNG bunker barge to use battery technology and shore power, which will help reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

Designed by the International Naval Engineering Consultants (INEC), the barge is constructed at the RMK Marine Shipyard in Tuzla, Turkey. Gas & Heat will supply the tanks and cargo handling system.



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In the photo, the representatives present at the launching : Claire Wright – Shell, Gisèle Maes - LNG Shipping / Victrol, David Patron - LNG Shipping / Sogestran Group, Nesha Mihailovic – INEC, Claudio Evangelisti – Gas and Heat, surrounded by Gurkan Turkes – RMK and his team

*Photos and short video of the launch can be downloaded [at this link](#) before July the 18<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter, you can ask the press contact.*

### **About LNG Shipping**

LNG Shipping is a joint venture between the French group SOGESTRAN and the Belgian company VICTROL. The 2 companies have decided to join their forces in 2018 to provide a professional and competitive answer to the Shell International Trading and Shipping request for proposal for the charter of a LNG bunker barge (LBB) to operate locally in the port of Rotterdam. LNG Shipping expertise is

- **Compliance** with applicable laws and regulations in the Port of Rotterdam and with Shell **safety** standards and vetting rules
- Knowledge of **LNG Technology** and the way to manage **LNG operations**.
- Proven **bunkering experience** in Rotterdam. Victrol is operating since 2019 for the account of LNG Shipping the LNG London with more than 700 operations realized for Shell.

### **About RMK Marine**

RMK Marine has been delivering highly reliable ships for almost a decade, across a range of vessel types including tankers, tugs and other service craft.

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