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Installation jobs for Germany's Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal go to Norwegian and French firms

PROJECT & TENDERS

June 14, 2024, by Melisa Čavčić

Deutsche Energy Terminal (DET), Germany's state-owned operator of four terminals, is moving forward with its second liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Wilhelmshaven. To this end, Norway's technology company EConnect Energy has been hired to install a jettyless ready IQay solution for LNG import to Wilhelmshaven. Thanks to this, the Norwegian player has tapped France's marine contractor GEOCEAN for subsea installation work.



FSRU Excelsior; Source: Excelerate

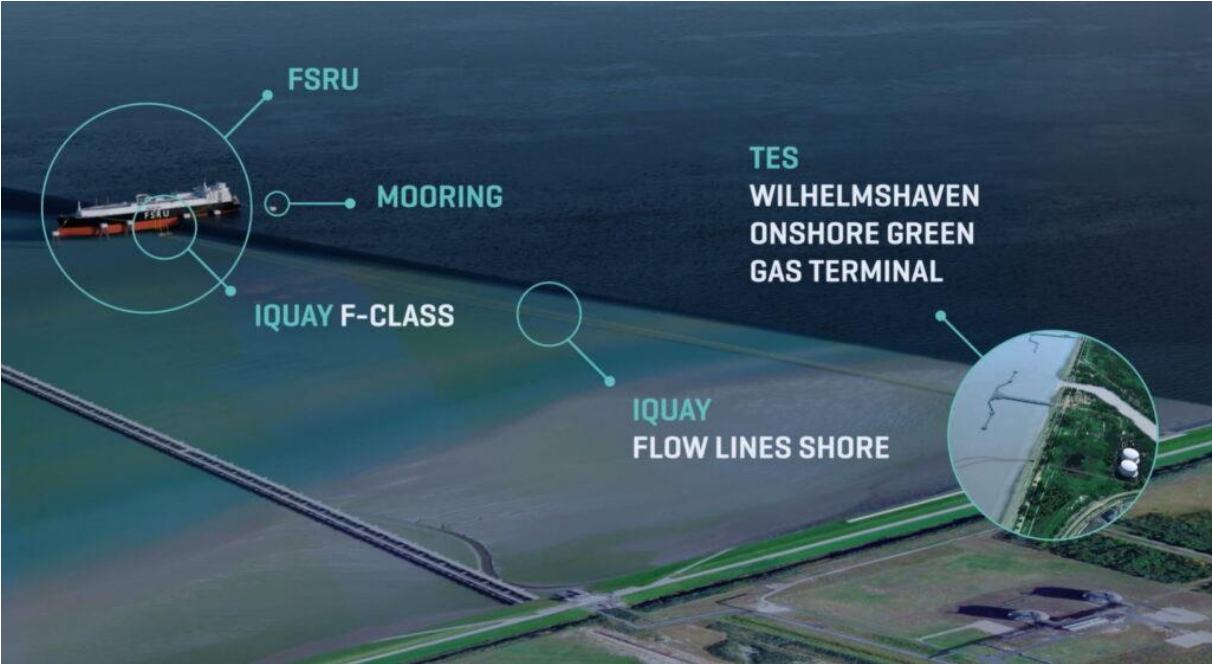
In the aftermath of the energy crisis, spurred by the Ukraine crisis in 2022, energy became the king on the global scene. In response to a potential gas crunch, Germany took steps to bolster energy security by 2025 with its [LNG Acceleration Law](#) in May 2022.

Afterward, the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection picked **Tree Energy Solution (TES)** and **ENGIE** in early September 2022 to develop and implement a second LNG floating storage regasification unit (FSRU) in Wilhelmshaven to address energy security needs in the country and Europe.

The Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal is on the list of priority projects supported by the LNG Acceleration Law, as it is said to be strategically positioned to import a relevant amount of Germany’s natural gas demand and play an important role in future decarbonization efforts from 2025.

FSRU Wilhelmshaven, a joint venture between TES and ENGIE, has inked a contract for installation works with EConnect Energy, following the execution of the supply contract, signed in 2022, for which the Norwegian firm is currently in the final phase of delivering the jettyless ready IQuay solution for the new offshore jetty at Wilhelmshaven.

While welcoming the contract award, **Morten Christophersen**, CEO at EConnect Energy, said: *“We are excited to take on the second phase of the Wilhelmshaven project to include the installation scope and build upon the momentum of the system delivery.”*



The EConnect IQuay F-Class System used at Wilhelmshaven; Source: EConnect
Furthermore, EConnect’s delivery will enable the transfer between the FSRU **Excelsior**, owned by the U.S.-based Excelebrate Energy, and shore. With an LNG capacity of 138.000 cbm, the FSRU is expected to be moored at DET’s new island jetty in Jade Bay during the second half of 2024. After vaporization, natural gas will be sent to shore via the Norwegian firm’s IQuay F-Class System and fed into the Open Grid Europe (OGE) gas grid.

The company has selected GEOCEAN to carry out the fast-track installation project, which is seen as a way to enhance Germany’s energy infrastructure and security. Thanks to this, the

French firm will be in charge of the on-site subsea installation of 6 x 1,600m long thermo composite pipes (TCP) flowlines, two pipeline end manifold (PLEMs), associated risers, one power and one 1,800 m fiber optic cable with its FAST-FLEX barge solution to streamline installation operations.

These deals come only weeks after KN Energies was [picked to carry out](#) the preparatory work for the technical operation of the Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal by setting up an operational company in Germany, an engineering team, and preparing the terminal's technical operating documentation.

[Chinese firm taps French player for FLNG mooring job in Africa and boosts its fabrication capacity for floating facilities - Offshore Energy \(offshore-energy.biz\)](#)

Chinese firm taps French player for FLNG mooring job in Africa and boosts its fabrication capacity for floating facilities

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July 24, 2024, by Melisa Čavčić

China-based clean energy services provider **Wison New Energies (WNE)** has handed out a transport and installation contract to France's marine contractor **GEOCEAN** for a floating liquefied natural gas (FLNG) unit, destined to work on a project off the coast of Congo. In addition, the firm has struck a multi-year deal with a compatriot shipbuilding industry enterprise, which is set to expand its production and construction scale, enabling it to meet the surge in demand for floating natural gas facilities and clean energy solutions.



FLNG model; Source: Wison New Energies

GEOCEAN's latest transport and installation contract win is taking it to Congo where it will install the mooring system for Eni's second FLNG unit on the **Marine XII block**, which is set to significantly enhance the African country's energy sector by producing LNG for domestic and export needs.

According to the French player, the project involves installing a submerged swivel and yoke system (SSY) anchored via three drilled piles and one flexible riser connecting the SSY to the FLNG around 50 km from Pointe Noire. With a production capacity of 2.4 million metric tons of gas per year, the unit can store 180,000 m³ of LNG and 45,000 m³ of LPG.

“The completion of the mooring system installation is in sight in the first quarter of 2025. The work highlights GEOCEAN’s advanced technical expertise and capability to deliver complex offshore alternative solutions. We are proud to contribute to this significant development in Congo’s energy infrastructure,” explained the firm.

Eni’s Congo LNG project, which aims to unlock gas resources of the Marine XII project with the installation of two FLNG units at the **Nenè** and **Litchendjili** fields, is designed to have an overall LNG production capacity of 3 million tons per year or approximately 4.5 billion cubic meters per year from 2025.

Congo entered the LNG exporters’ club in February 2024, after the first FLNG unit, known as **Tango** with 0.6 million tons per annum (mtpa) capacity, [began its LNG deliveries](#). With a capacity of 2.4 mtpa, the second unit, [currently under construction](#), is slated to be in operation by the end of 2025.

Lien : [French player lands key contract on Eni's Congo FLNG project | Upstream \(upstreamonline.com\)](https://upstreamonline.com)

French player lands key contract on Eni's Congo FLNG project

Geocean will install a submerged swivel and yoke system and flexible riser for the project

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French marine company Geocean has signed a contract with China's Wison New Energies to transport and install the mooring system for a floating liquefied natural gas vessel destined for Eni Congo LNG project in Congo-Brazzaville.

Phase one of the Italian major's liquefaction scheme is already producing LNG via its Tango floating LNG vessel which has a capacity of 1 million tonnes per annum. Phase two involves Wison's 2.4 million tpa capacity FLNG vessel.

Geocean will be responsible for installing a submerged swivel and yoke system anchored via three drilled piles and connected to the FLNG vessel via a single flexible riser.

Congo-Brazzaville : la ruée vers l'or-gazier attire le français Geocean

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[Jules Boa](#) juillet 30, 2024

Le Congo-Brazzaville confirme son statut de nouvel eldorado gazier en Afrique. La société française Geocean vient de remporter un contrat stratégique dans le cadre de l'ambitieux projet Congo LNG, piloté par Eni.

Geocean a été mandatée par Wison New Energies pour assurer le transport et l'installation d'un système d'amarrage essentiel pour une nouvelle plateforme flottante de liquéfaction de gaz naturel (FLNG). Ce système garantira la stabilité de la plateforme, condition sine qua non pour des opérations sûres et efficaces.

Ce projet d'envergure vise à propulser la production de gaz naturel liquéfié (GNL) du Congo-Brazzaville. La phase 2 de Congo LNG devrait permettre d'atteindre une production annuelle de 2,4 millions de tonnes, soit plus du double de la capacité actuelle. L'implication de Geocean et d'autres acteurs internationaux confirme l'attractivité du potentiel gazier congolais. Ce projet consolide la position du pays sur le marché mondial de l'énergie et ouvre la voie à de nouveaux investissements et partenariats stratégiques.

Grâce à ses technologies de pointe et à ses partenariats internationaux, le projet Congo LNG marque un tournant dans l'exploitation durable et efficace des ressources gazières du pays. Il témoigne de la confiance des investisseurs dans le potentiel du Congo-Brazzaville à devenir un acteur majeur du GNL. Le secteur gazier congolais a le pouvoir de dynamiser l'économie et de créer des emplois. Toutefois, il est crucial que ces projets soient menés de manière responsable, en respectant l'environnement et les droits des communautés locales, afin de garantir un développement durable et équitable.

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Lien : [Geocean participe à la phase 2 du projet Congo LNG en Afrique : un nouveau succès pour le gaz en Congo-Brazzaville - Benin Times Info](#)

Geocean participe à la phase 2 du projet Congo LNG en Afrique : un nouveau succès pour le gaz en Congo-Brazzaville

by [Marie Obasandjo, BeninTimes.info](#) 29 juillet 2024

Le Congo-Brazzaville se distingue par son potentiel gazier en plein essor, attirant l'attention de nombreux investisseurs internationaux, notamment de grandes entreprises françaises. Vendredi dernier, des informations ont circulé sur l'engagement de Geocean, une société maritime française, dans la phase 2 du projet Congo LNG dirigé par Eni.

Geocean a remporté un contrat avec la société chinoise Wison New Energies pour transporter et installer un système d'amarrage pour une nouvelle plateforme flottante de liquéfaction de gaz naturel (FLNG). Ce système vise à stabiliser la plateforme malgré les mouvements marins, assurant ainsi une opération sécurisée et efficace.

Ce projet d'envergure est crucial pour le développement du secteur gazier congolais. La phase 2 de Congo LNG vise à augmenter significativement la production de gaz naturel liquéfié (GNL) du pays. À terme, le projet devrait produire environ 2,4 millions de tonnes de GNL par an, plus du double du volume actuel de un million de tonnes de GNL par an.

L'implication de Geocean et d'autres entreprises internationales dans ce projet met en lumière l'attrait du potentiel gazier du Congo-Brazzaville. Cela représente non seulement une opportunité économique pour le pays, mais renforce également sa position sur le marché mondial de l'énergie. La réussite de ce projet pourrait ouvrir la voie à d'autres investissements et collaborations internationales, contribuant ainsi à la croissance et à la diversification de l'économie congolaise.

De plus, la participation d'entreprises telles que Geocean témoigne de la confiance des investisseurs dans le potentiel du Congo-Brazzaville à devenir un acteur majeur dans le domaine du gaz naturel liquéfié. Le projet Congo LNG, avec ses avancées technologiques et ses partenariats internationaux, constitue une avancée significative vers une exploitation durable et efficace des ressources gazières du pays.

Le secteur gazier au Congo-Brazzaville pourrait avoir des retombées positives sur le plan social et économique. Avec une vision appropriée, il pourrait créer des emplois et stimuler d'autres secteurs de l'économie. Cependant, il est crucial que ces projets respectent les normes environnementales et les droits des communautés locales pour garantir un développement équilibré et durable.

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Gaz en Afrique : ce groupe français se frotte les mains

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Le **Congo-Brazzaville**, se distingue par son potentiel gazier croissant, attirant l'intérêt de nombreux investisseurs internationaux, dont plusieurs grandes entreprises françaises.

Ce vendredi 26 juillet, des informations ont été relayées concernant l'engagement de **Geocean**, une compagnie maritime française, dans le cadre de la **phase 2 du projet Congo LNG, piloté par Eni**.

Geocean a été sélectionnée pour un contrat par la société chinoise **Wison New Energies**, dans le but de transporter et d'installer un système d'amarrage pour une nouvelle plateforme flottante de **liquéfaction de gaz naturel (FLNG)**. Ce système est conçu pour stabiliser la plateforme malgré les mouvements marins, garantissant ainsi une opération sûre et efficace.

Ce projet de grande envergure est crucial pour l'expansion du secteur gazier congolais. La phase 2 de Congo LNG vise à augmenter considérablement la production de **gaz naturel liquéfié (GNL)** du pays. À terme, il est prévu que le projet produise environ **2,4 millions de tonnes de GNL par an**, soit plus du double du volume actuellement produit, qui est d'un million de tonnes de GNL par an.






L'implication de Geocean et d'autres entreprises internationales dans ce projet souligne l'attractivité du potentiel gazier du Congo-Brazzaville. Ce projet est non seulement une opportunité économique pour le pays, mais il renforce également sa position sur le marché mondial de l'énergie. Son succès pourrait ouvrir la voie à d'autres **investissements et collaborations internationales**, contribuant ainsi à la croissance et à la diversification de l'économie congolaise.

En outre, la participation d'entreprises comme Geocan témoigne de la confiance des investisseurs dans le potentiel du Congo-Brazzaville à devenir un acteur majeur dans le secteur du gaz naturel liquéfié. Le projet Congo LNG, avec ses avancées technologiques et ses partenariats internationaux, représente un pas important vers l'exploitation durable et efficace des ressources gazières du pays.

Le secteur gazier au Congo-Brazzaville pourrait avoir des répercussions positives sur le plan social et économique. Avec une bonne vision, il est en mesure de créer des emplois en stimulant d'autres secteurs de l'économie. Cependant, il est essentiel que ces projets soient menés dans le respect des normes environnementales et des droits des communautés locales pour assurer un développement équilibré et durable.

<https://energycapitalpower.com/republic-of-congo-geocean-secures-marine-xii-flng-contract/>

Republic of Congo: Geocean Secures Marine XII FLNG Contract

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Marine contractor Geocean has secured a contract with energy technology company Wison New Energies to install a mooring system for the FLNG unit on the Marine XII LNG project, offshore the Republic of Congo.

The **contract includes** the installation of a submerged swivel and yoke system, anchored by three drilled piles and connected to the FLNG via a flexible riser. The mooring system is slated for completion in the first quarter of 2025.

Situated approximately 50 km from Pointe Noire, energy supermajor Eni's Marine XII project is set to produce 2.4 million metric tons of LNG annually. Production is expected to increase to 4.5 billion cubic meters per year by 2026, with LNG output used for both domestic consumption and export.

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Geocean completes offshore work on second Wilhelmshaven LNG terminal in Germany

By **LNG Prime Staff**
September 12, 2024



French marine and offshore contractor, Geocean, a unit of VINCI Construction Grands Projets, has completed its contract awarded by Norwegian technology company EConnect Energy on the offshore part of the second FSRU-based LNG import project in Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

EConnect Energy has contracted Geocean to support them in installing the IQ Quay ready-to-use solution for importing LNG to Wilhelmshaven. Geocean completed its work on the LNG project after nearly seven months on site.

Strengthening Germany's energy security

In 2022, EConnect Energy signed a contract with FSRU Wilhelmshaven, a joint venture between Belgium-based Tree Energy Solution (TES) and France's Engie. After that, EConnect selected Geocean to execute the offshore work for the second LNG import terminal in Wilhelmshaven.

State-owned DET (Deutsche Energy Terminal GmbH), which was established by Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action in January 2023 to operate FSRU-based LNG terminals, is the general client for all works, Geocean said. The second Wilhelmshaven LNG project is one of the priority projects supported by Germany's LNG Acceleration Law, passed in May 2022, to strengthen Germany's energy security by 2025.

Besides this terminal, DET's FSRU-based LNG terminals include the operational Wilhelmshaven 1 and Brunsbüttel facilities as well as the terminal in Stade.

The German government, supported by Uniper, RWE, TES, and Engie, chartered four FSRUs to serve these facilities as the fastest solution to enable Germany to start importing LNG in a record time.

One of these FSRUs is the 2005-built 138,000-cbm, Excelsior, and this vessel will serve the second Wilhelmshaven terminal.

Unlike the three other three DET FSRU-based terminals, Excelsior is the only FSRU that will be located offshore, making this project a unique development.

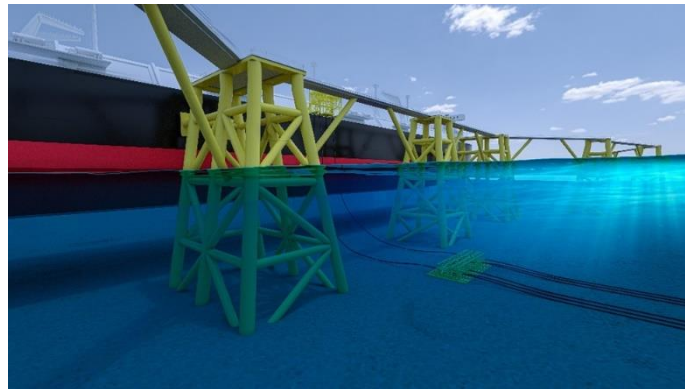
Excelsior will be moored at DET's new island jetty in Jade Bay and connected to the EConnect IQuay F-Class System.

This solution facilitates a rapid and reliable connection between the FSRU and the onshore facilities, reducing installation time and environmental impact.

FSRU anchoring and connection system

Geocean has worked with EConnect on designing and installing the pipeline connection from land to the FSRU, the anchoring system, and the subsea equipment.

The company installed these infrastructures 1.7km from the shore at a depth of 14m. Moreover, installation of Geocean's pipe system included 2 x 12" flexible hoses (60 m long), 2 x PLEM, 6 x 7" TCP pipe in a trench, assistance with FSRU connection and commissioning, and laying the power cable to supply the project with energy.



Geocean fast-flex solutions: a modular asset-free operating model

Geocean has developed four types of modular barges for an asset-free operating model:

- "Geocean Fast Pipe" Barge: for rigid pipeline laying
- "Geocean Fast Flex" Barge: adapted for flexible flowline laying
- "Geocean Fast Cable" Barge: for umbilical and power cable laying

- “Geocean Fast Support” Barge: for offshore lifting and pulling operations. These Geocean modular barge solutions, developed in-house, are tailored to the specific needs of each project and designed to streamline installation operations to be the most cost-effective to fit customer inquiries about complex offshore installation projects, Geocean said.

The company deployed its fast-flex barge solution for this project, which involved TCP pipe laying.

Geocean said the choice of the fast-flex barge solution emphasizes the project’s commitment to an execution plan marked by efficiency and solution tailor-made to fit the client’s need.



40 years of experience

Geocean previously worked on several offshore LNG terminals, including the Moheshkhali LNG terminal and the Summit FSRU terminal in Bangladesh.

This fast-track project marks a significant step in the company’s development of its capabilities for complex offshore installation services, Geocean said. The company has completed the complex fast-track project in Wilhelmshaven on time and under the highest offshore industry standards.

In addition, the key to success was found in Geocean team’s adaptability, cohesion, and expertise based on 40 years of complex marine projects track record delivered in the energy industry, Geocean concluded.

[French firm's barge in fifth gear for Germany's Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal - Offshore Energy \(offshore-energy.biz\)](#)

French firm's barge in fifth gear for Germany's Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal

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September 17, 2024, by Nadja Skopljak

As part of a contract with Norway's technology company EConnect Energy, French Geocan has picked up the thermo composite pipes (TCP) reels that will connect the FSRU to the onshore site as part of the second liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Wilhelmshaven developed by German state-owned Deutsche Energy Terminal (DET).



Screenshot. Source: Geocan

To address energy security needs in Germany and Europe, the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection picked Tree Energy Solution (TES) and ENGIE in early September 2022 to develop and implement a second LNG floating storage regasification unit (FSRU) in Wilhelmshaven.

FSRU Wilhelmshaven, a joint venture between TES and ENGIE, hired EConnect Energy to install a jettiless ready IQuay solution for LNG import to Wilhelmshaven, who then appointed Geocan for subsea installation work. EConnect's delivery will also enable the transfer between the FSRU Excelsior, owned by the U.S.-based Excelerate Energy, and shore.

Geocan is in charge of the on-site subsea installation of six 1,600-meter long TCP flowlines, two pipeline end manifold (PLEMs), associated risers, one power and one

1,800-meter fiber optic cable with its Fast-Flex barge solution to streamline installation operations.

The French company reported on September 9 that it had kicked off the initial stage of the project, noting it was set to install a 1.7-kilometer-long gas import pipeline 14 meters under the sea, directly connecting the FSRU Excelsior to the German grid, as well as to deliver the complete installation services to FSRU Wilhelmshaven for the IQuay.

Fast-Flex, [transformed from a simple barge into an installation vessel](#), was selected to bring together all the equipment needed for the pipeline installation.

On September 13, the French company announced that Fast-Flex had loaded six TCP reels at Strohm's manufacturing facilities in Ijmuiden, Netherlands, three seafastened on deck and three inside RDS systems, that will be used to connect the FSRU Excelsior to the onshore site. Pre-trenching operations are next on schedule.



The Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal is slated to kick off commercial operations in the second half of 2024. DET operates four LNG terminals on the German North Sea coast, including [Wilhelmshaven 1](#), [Brunsbüttel](#), Wilhelmshaven 2, and [Stade](#), both currently under construction.

KN Energies [was picked to carry out](#) the preparatory work for the technical operation of the Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal, with Van Oord [responsible for the construction](#) of the FSRU jetty.

Germany's first floating terminal for importing LNG in Wilhelmshaven was officially [commissioned](#) for service in December 2022.

WATCH: French firm finishes subsea installation work at Germany's LNG terminal with single lift

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS & PROJECTS

September 24, 2024, by Melisa Čavčić

France's marine contractor **Geocean**, which is tasked with subsea installation work at the second liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Wilhelmshaven developed by Germany's state-owned **Deutsche Energy Terminal (DET)**, has hit a new milestone with the completion of the subsea installation of the first pipeline end manifold (**PLEM**) in a single lift.



Installation of the PLEM at Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG Terminal; Source: Geocean

Once FSRU Wilhelmshaven, a joint venture between **Tree Energy Solution (TES)** and **ENGIE**, signed a contract for installation works with **EConnect Energy**, following the execution of the supply contract, signed in 2022, to deliver a jettyless ready IQuay solution for the offshore jetty at Wilhelmshaven, **Geocean** was hired to work at the **Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal**, which was scheduled to begin commercial operations in the second half of 2024.

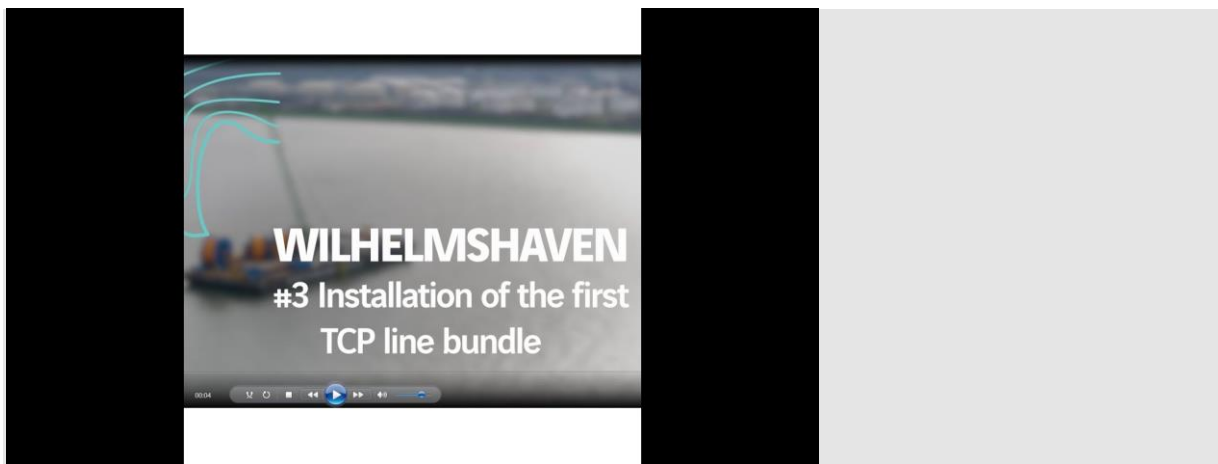
With an LNG storage capacity of 138,000 cubic meters, the floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) **Excelsior**, owned by the U.S.-based **Excelerate Energy**, will be deployed at this LNG terminal, which is currently under construction. The FSRU has an annual nameplate regasification capacity of 5 billion cubic meters of natural gas.

As a result, the French firm recently began the initial stage of the project to install a 1.7-kilometer-long gas import pipeline 14 meters under the sea, directly connecting the FSRU Excelsior to the German grid, as well as to deliver the complete installation services to the FSRU Wilhelmshaven for the IQuay.

As part of its scope related to the installation of the first thermo composite pipes (TCP) bundle for the jettyless IQuay F-Class solution for LNG import to Wilhelmshaven, Geocan unloaded three of the six TCP reels at the Eurogate terminal and loaded the pipeline end manifolds and flexible riser hoses on board the **Fast-Flex** barge.

With TCP lines [connected to the gas grid](#) at the shore, subsea PLEM installation came up next on the firm's agenda, as part of the jettyless IQuay F-Class to fast-track LNG. Since the first PLEM installation was complete, the French firm's Fast-Flex barge reached the FSRU jetty, and the TCP laying operation into the pre-trench was also done.

Given the restrictions at the site, the company explains that TCP lines have been brought alongside the Fast-Flex barge and are connected to the PLEM, just like the flexible riser, which is also linked. Geocan is adamant that this is one of the most critical and sensitive operations during the installation of the EConnect Energy IQuay F-Class. The firm is now heading to project completion.



The list of four LNG terminals on the German North Sea coast, which are operated by DET, part of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, encompasses [Wilhelmshaven 1](#), [Brunsbüttel](#), Wilhelmshaven 2, and [Stade](#). However, the last two are said to be under construction.

The European country's first floating terminal for importing LNG in Wilhelmshaven was officially [commissioned](#) for service in December 2022. [Fairplay Towage Group](#) has been picked as the towage provider for the floating LNG terminals in Brunsbüttel, Stade, and Wilhelmshaven.

The start-up of commercial operations of the Wilhelmshaven 2 LNG terminal will allow **KN Energies** to take the reins of the terminal's technical operation and maintenance infrastructure, including the berth -which [Van Oord got picked to construct](#) – its equipment, and the pipeline, the organization of technical teamwork, and the coordination of preventive actions.

