

Höegh Evi to partner with SEMOP Port-La Nouvelle to develop strategic infrastructure for hydrogen import to France and Europe

November 5, 2024 – Oslo, Norway and Port-La Nouvelle, France. Höegh Evi, a global leader in marine energy infrastructure solutions, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreement with the port of Port-La Nouvelle to develop a floating terminal for hydrogen imports. The hydrogen will be imported from producers located in the Middle East, North Africa and the Americas.

The terminal at Port-La Nouvelle will accelerate the shift to clean energy in Europe by becoming a vital hub for importing large volumes of hydrogen.

"As a global leader in floating terminal infrastructure, Höegh Evi is leveraging our extensive expertise to enable Europe to import significant volumes of clean molecules within this decade. With its strategic location and well-established marine infrastructure, Port-La Nouvelle is ideally positioned to become a key entry point for hydrogen and low-carbon fuels. Together we are driving the energy transition forward by establishing a crucial hub for clean energy in Europe," said Erik Nyheim, President & CEO of Höegh Evi.

In collaboration with European projects such as the HySoW Hydrogen and the gas pipeline operator Teréga, the floating import terminal will connect Port-La Nouvelle to major hydrogen transport infrastructures, thereby strengthening the industrial and energy attractiveness of the Occitanie region and promoting job growth.

"In recent years, the port of Port-La Nouvelle has made significant investments to expand and prepare the port for the future. Our focus is to become an enabler in the green energy transition. The port of Port-La Nouvelle is eager to accommodate new types of traffic, particularly those associated with renewable energies and especially those linked to hydrogen molecules. We look forward to working with Höegh Evi towards our common goal of turning Port-La Nouvelle into the European gateway hub in the Mediterranean for hydrogen," said Hans Kerstens, CEO of SEMOP Port-La Nouvelle.

The terminal will facilitate the import of up to 210,000 tonnes of hydrogen per year as early as 2030, according to the project timeline and dependent on the readiness of France's hydrogen pipeline. The partners are now collaborating on a feasibility assessment and design of the infrastructure solution within the port.



Media contact, Höegh Evi:

Christine Corkery Steinsholt
Head of External Communications and Marketing
christine.steinsholt@hoeghevi.com | +47 95 09 5481

About Höegh Evi:

Höegh Evi is the vital link to secure transition—delivering fast, adaptable, and secure solutions that respond to countries’ evolving energy needs. For 50 years, Höegh Evi has been a pioneer and global leader in floating energy infrastructure, with one of the world’s largest fleets of FSRUs (floating storage and regasification units) for importing natural gas.

Today, Höegh Evi is building the infrastructure needed to make the energy transition possible, with floating terminals for ammonia and hydrogen import and services for carbon transport and permanent storage.

Höegh Evi is a global company with a highly skilled global team of 900 employees at sea and onshore. Learn more at hoeghevi.com

About the port of Port-La Nouvelle

The port is located in the **OCCITANIE Region**, the second largest region in France. This new deep-water port is currently under construction and will be open for business as from early 2026 onwards. It will allow the evolution of existing traffic and the diversification of activities. Port-La Nouvelle is keen to become a major player in the **energy transition**. It is the first French port to be managed privately.

The Region has entrusted the governance of the port to **the SEMOP Port-La Nouvelle** (mixed economy company). The SEMOP PLN brings together **public actors** (49%) such as the Occitanie Region and the Banque des Territoires (Caisse des Dépôts) with **Nou Vela**, a group of private shareholders (51%) which brings the experience of DEME Concessions NV (global leader in maritime infrastructure and renewable energy) and Euroports (specialist in the management of port terminals). PMV, Qair and the CCI de l’Aude are also involved in this consortium.

