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Fleet Expansion at Chemgas Shipping

Newbuilds

After the successful introduction of LPG/C Gale in 2021 (3500 cbm, pressurized), Chemgas took delivery of sister vessel Ghibli in June 2022. Ghibli is the second in a series of three bespoke design to meet the latest requirements and customer needs. By early 2023 Chemgas expects to complete this trilogy of high-spec tankers with the commissioning of the tanker Gust.



Acquisition of existing tonnage

To further enhance its customer service in transporting chemical and industrial gases, Chemgas recently decided to purchase four existing, modern 3300m³ semi refrigerated LPG tankers from Italian owner Gas&Heat.

Until now Chemgas was only active in the pressurized LPG market. With the acquisition of these four semi refrigerated vessels however, new opportunities for Chemgas in the semi refrigerated market can be exploited and will make it possible to even better service its existing customers. The vessels form a perfect addition to the existing fleet of LPG tankers that Chemgas currently owns and operates.

Following a long standing Chemgas tradition, the latest additions to the fleet will be named after winds or have a wind related name. This time with a reference here and there to the Italian roots of the vessels .

Old name	New name	
Scali Sanlorenzo	<i>Vento</i>	Meaning “wind” in Italian
Scali Reali	<i>Venturi</i>	Named after the Italian physician Venturi
Scali del Pontino	<i>Vetra</i>	Meaning “wind” in Slavic languages
Scali del Teatro	<i>Vortex</i>	Meaning a whirl wind, moving matter in the form of a spiral or column.

The four tankers have been trading successfully in North West Europe as well as the Mediterranean Sea. The tankers were built at the Besiktas Shipyard between 2010 and 2014 in Turkey. Main specifications as listed below.

LOA	<i>88.4 m</i>
Beam	<i>15.0 m</i>
Summer draught	<i>6.5 m</i>
Corresponding deadweight	<i>3811 mt</i>
GT/ NT	<i>3430 / 1029</i>
Class	<i>Bureau Veritas</i>
Cargo capacity	<i>3300 M3 / -48 C / 9.97 bar</i>

Meanwhile, the handover of the first vessel (Vortex) has taken place on the 27th of September 2022 in Barcelona. The next vessel, Vetra, is scheduled for delivery by end October and the Venturi and Vento will be transferred during the first half of January 2023.



With the latest newbuild program nearly completed and with the recent acquisition of the 'Scali vessels', Chemgas owns and operates a modern fleet of 15 LPG coasters in the segment up to 3500 cbm. Depending on market circumstances, the fleet is further reinforced with additional chartered in capacity.

Inland barging

Apart from the above mentioned sea going activities, Chemgas is market leader in LPG barging on the Rhine river and ARA-area, where it operates a versatile fleet of 29 LPG barges. Anticipating the environmental and energy challenges ahead, Chemgas is active and committed to further develop its inland fleet for the future by adopting the latest technology and best possible sustainable fuels for its high performing inland fleet. Chemgas is committed to safety and respect for the environment in all its activities.

name	Built	capacity in cbm
Sea / River vessels (P)		
<i>Thresher</i>	2007	2.700
<i>Tempest</i>	2008	2.700
<i>Typhoon</i>	2010	2.700
<i>Twister</i>	2010	2.700
Sea vessels (P)		
<i>Bayamo</i>	2013	2.700
<i>Brisote</i>	2014	2.700
<i>Sefarina</i>	2015	3.000
<i>Sundowner</i>	2016	3.000
<i>Gale</i>	2021	3.500
<i>Ghibli</i>	2022	3.500
<i>Gust</i>	2023 (Q1)	3.500
Sea vessels (SR)		
<i>Vento (ex Scali Sanlorenzo)</i>	2010	3.300
<i>Venturi (ex Scali Reali)</i>	2010	3.300
<i>Vetra (ex Scali del Pontino)</i>	2011	3.300
<i>Vortex (ex Scali del Teatro)</i>	2014	3.300
TC vessels (P)		
<i>Maingas</i>	2001	3.500
<i>Saargas</i>	2001	3.500