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Grain set to offer UK's first Break Bulk service

National Grid Grain LNG is set to become the first facility in the UK to offer small scale ship reloading facilities (SSLNG) at its importation terminal on the Isle of Grain.

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The move further enhances Grain LNG's position as a major European LNG Hub, building on the significant uptake of the Road Tanker Loading Facility which is due to open this summer. These two developments will enable the distribution of LNG as a fuel for the marine industry, trucks, industrial and commercial, as well as off-grid applications.

Simon Culkin, Terminal Manager, for Grain LNG said: "These are exciting times for the terminal and we're looking forward to building on the world class facilities and services we offer. With the construction of our road tanker loading facility and expansion of our marine capabilities, Grain LNG will be at the centre of this increasingly important market sector."

Grain LNG is the largest importation terminal in Europe and eighth largest in the world in terms of tank capacity, something which provides its existing customer base of six major multinational organisations with a huge amount of flexibility to manage importation as well as break bulk activities.

With the introduction of more stringent European emission regulations for the marine sector, covering the North Sea, Baltic Sea and English Channel Emission Control Area from 2015, use of LNG as a marine fuel is predicted to grow substantially. The environmental benefits of using LNG as a fuel include emission reductions in carbon dioxide (CO₂) of up to 25%, nitrogen oxide (NO_x) by up to 85% and sulphur and particulates to almost zero, as well as lowering noise pollution.

Grain LNG is currently launching an Open Season process to gauge market interest for the new offering and subject to approvals, the new service could be available from late 2016.

Any parties interested in learning more about the new service or the terminal should contact either:

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