

As part of the agreement reached between the two companies last year to create the largest network of VNG refueling stations in Spain

Redexis and Cepsa open their first vehicular natural gas refueling station

- **Located at the Cepsa Service Station in Puerto Lumbreras (Murcia), it has a liquefied natural gas (LNG) refueling station for trucks, while compressed natural gas (CNG) for light vehicles will be available within the next few months**
- **The two companies are working toward opening 20 refueling stations for natural gas vehicles this year in Spain's main transport corridors, entailing an investment of around €15 million**

This morning, Redexis and Cepsa opened their first vehicular natural gas (VNG) refueling station as part of their strategic agreement announced last June, to create the largest natural gas refueling network in Spain.

The new vehicular natural gas station, which is now operative, has a LNG pump suitable for use with all types of heavy vehicle, and which has a refueling time of between three and six minutes.

The service station is located at exit 649 of the Autovía del Mediterráneo (A-7) highway, where it passes through Puerto Lumbreras (Murcia). Its location in the main route connecting Barcelona and Algeciras makes it a strategic point for the transportation of goods, with between 5,000 and 8,000 heavy vehicles traveling through every day.

Redexis has invested around €1 million to construct the natural gas refueling station, which is also expected to start offering compressed natural gas (CNG) for light vehicles in the coming months.

Belén Mateo, director of Cepsa Service Station Franchising and Direct Management, said that "at Cepsa we want to offer our customers all the energy solutions they need by diversifying our offer. Today is the first step towards achieving our aim of fostering Spain's biggest natural gas mobility network for both light and heavy vehicles, and keep progressing in energy transition."

For his part, Javier Migoya, director of Redexis Tertiary and Industrial (B2B), pointed out: "From Redexis we celebrate the launch of this first natural gas station with Cepsa, which means continuing to promote the energy infrastructures necessary for professionals and citizens in order to give them access to more economical, sustainable and environmentally friendly mobility solutions. We continue advancing in our firm commitment to promote natural gas as a real alternative for sustainable mobility".

Cepsa and Redexis are working toward opening 20 VNG refueling stations that will be built and put into operation over the course of 2020, entailing an investment of around €15 million.

These natural gas refueling stations, which are subject to administrative approval, will cover the country's main national transport corridors and will be located at Cepsa Service Stations in the provinces of Burgos (A-1), Navarra (A-15), Guadalajara (A-2), Zaragoza (A-2), Lérida (A-2), Barcelona (A-2), Gerona (N-II), Cuenca (A-3), Valencia (A-35), Madrid (A-4), Ciudad Real (A-4), Jaén (A-4), Seville (A-4), Cáceres (A-5), Pontevedra (A-52), Lugo (A-6), Salamanca (A-62), Málaga (A-7) and Asturias (A-8).

In June 2019, Redexis and Cepsa reached an agreement to create the largest network of LNG and CNG refueling stations in Spain, with the aim of expanding the offer of energy solutions and promoting sustainable mobility. As part of that agreement, Redexis is committed to invest €30 million between 2019 and 2021 for the construction and maintenance of 50 natural gas refueling points at Cepsa Service Stations, with Cepsa taking responsibility for supply and sales. Within the next two years, the two companies plan to have a total of 80 supply facilities, with a total investment of €60 million.

Through this alliance Cepsa continues to expand the mobility-oriented energy solutions that it offers at its Service Stations, where it also provides a multitude of other products and services. Cepsa currently has over 300,000 professional customers and a wide network comprising more than 1,500 Service Stations in Spain, which are focused on offering a clear model of customer orientation, innovation, added value, safety and loyalty.

Advantages of vehicular natural gas

Vehicular gas is a viable option for sustainable mobility, as it reduces CO₂ emissions and also eliminates the emission of oxide and sulfur particles, helping to improve air quality in cities and reduce noise pollution.

VNG vehicles are just as safe and powerful as vehicles with other combustion engines. They can also be driven in high-pollution areas because their windshield bears the ECO card from the Spanish DGT (Dirección General de Tráfico —General Management of Traffic), which is a huge plus when driving through large cities with traffic restrictions in place. VNG vehicles are suitable for all types of mobility: urban, intercity or long-distance driving.

They are also cost-competitive because, as well as giving drivers discounts or reductions on their road tax, VNG reduces the cost per kilometer by 30% compared to diesel and 50% compared to gasoline, for both light and heavy vehicles. These models boast an impressive range: they can travel up to 1,300 kilometers without refueling thanks to their bi-fuel gas and gasoline tanks.

Redexis is an integrated energy infrastructure company heavily involved in the development and operation of natural gas transmission and distribution networks, the distribution and sale of liquefied petroleum gas and the promotion of renewable applications for both natural gas and hydrogen. It operates more than 10,800 kilometers of its own energy infrastructure across 11 autonomous communities, providing Spanish homes, businesses and industries with access to new, more sustainable and efficient energy sources. Redexis is also promoting vehicular gas through investments in new infrastructure for mobility. The company has a robust and continuous expansion plan in place, with 1.3 billion euro invested since 2010, and its continuing aim is to create lasting value across the communities in which it operates. Redexis has generated more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs. In 2019 it was recognized as a leader in GRESB, and was ranked in the field of the ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) with a maximum rating of five stars.

Cepsa is an integrated global energy and chemical company that operates across all stages of the hydrocarbon value chain. In addition, it manufactures products from plant-based raw materials and it also has a presence in



the renewable energy sector. It has 90 years of experience and a team of some 10,000 employees, who combine technical excellence with adaptability. It is present on all five continents through its Exploration and Production, Refining, Chemicals, Marketing, Gas and Electricity, and Trading business units.

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