



PRESS RELEASE

The Incile Canal: the three “Porte Vinciane” were installed The Canal will be inaugurated by 2016

Pisa, November 10th 2015 – It was held today the press conference to give an update on the works for the reopening of the Incile Canale, the link between Arno and Navicelli Canal in order to make the navigation possible again from the centre of Pisa to the Port of Livorno.

The activities are in line with the schedule. Currently, the installation and the testing of the Porte Vinciane are nearly completed, a decisive step of the project, critical for the merger into Arno. The works started in September 2014 and will be concluded by 2016. This project has been financed by OLT Offshore LNG Toscana - within the agreement signed between the company OLT, the Province and the Municipality of Pisa - managed by the company Navicelli SpA and realized by Forti SpA (the Company which won the tender).

The participants to the press conference were: Marco Filippeschi, mayor of the Municipality of Pisa; Andrea Serfogli, assessor to Public Works of the Municipality of Pisa; Silvano Calcagno, managing director of the company OLT Offshore LNG Toscana; Franco Canepa, director of the works for OLT; Veronica Bianchi, project manager of the Incile Canal for OLT; Franco Forti, president of Forti SpA; Fabrizio Bacci, managing director of the company Forti SpA; Giovandomenico Caridi, president of the company Navicelli SpA, and Gaetano Petrizzo, consultant of the company Navicelli SpA.

The state of the art of the project

At the end of July several parts of the works were finalized: the removal of the dredging sludge, the recovery of the Canal, the definitive dismantlement of the so-called "ghigliottina", the maintenance and the restoration of the features of the "rotating bridge". At the end of September the walls for the entrance of the Canal and the floor slab were realized, together with the works of excavation of the merger of the Canal, within which were prepared two barriers, made by "palancole", in defence of the banks. In the months of October and November the three Porte Vinciane were installed.

Next steps

The construction of a new bridge on Via Livornese is one of the activities already planned. Consequently, the works for the restoring of the roads connected will be carried out. It is important to underline that, during the works on Via Livornese, the traffic will be diverted on a temporary road, parallel to the bridge, passing over the current bank (reinforced) of separation between the Navicelli Canal and the Incile Canal, in compliance with the project agreed and approved by the Municipality. Moreover, other works are scheduled for the arrangement of the surrounding areas to Via Livornese.



Declarations

*"The Incile Canal represents for OLT a very significant project" - said **Silvano Calcagno, managing director of OLT Offshore LNG Toscana** - "because of it sums up the spirit we established our relationships with the territory where we operate; contributing to the realization of works with socio-economical purposes for the local community. The idea of helping to return something that was an integral part of the city fills us with great satisfaction; all the people who worked in this project are very proud of it. Moreover, I would like to put on evidence that the works will be finalized on line with the scheduling shared. We estimate to complete the works by 2016".*

*"Pisa turns another page" - said **Marco Filippeschi, Mayor of the Municipality of Pisa** - "This is only one of the several projects that show our capabilities . The reunification of the Navicelli Canal to the Arno River marks another rapprochement between the city, its river, its waterways and the sea. It represents something that recalls the history and touches the own identity of Pisa. The rust on that site is something we may forget. The Incile Canal will guarantee the connection of the canal with the river and the works that improve the quality of the district. It comes after the strengthening of the Navicelli Canal for shipbuilding, with the restoration of the rail connection to the ports, and in pursuit of the realization of the armed outlet of the Scolmatore. Moreover, It is open a marina in the outlet of the Arno river and there is a project for the natural port of the flood plain and the navigability of the Arno river also for tourists. It is a great concrete work that in terms of benefits for our city, and it will help us to realize the future of our city".*

*"Thanks to the realization of the new Incile Canal" - said **Andrea Serfogli, Assessor to Public Works for the Municipality of Pisa** - "we realize an integrated system between the Navicelli Canal, the Arno River and the Port useful to the development of shipbuilding activities, as well as we may achieve an important goal to restore an area that was degraded. This relevant result is the direct consequence of some paramount interventions in the district of Porta a Mare: the recovery of the urban villas and the ex Sanac, the realization of some dedicated infrastructures and the bike paths".*

OLT Offshore LNG Toscana S.p.A., set up from the association of Iren Group (49.07%), E.ON (48.24%) and Golar Offshore Toscana Limited (2.69%), holds the property of the floating regasification Terminal "FSRU Toscana" and it is responsible for the related operation management. "FSRU Toscana", moored about 22 km off the coasts between Livorno and Pisa, is connected to the national grid through a 36.5 km long pipeline, operated and managed by Snam Rete Gas, of which: about 29.5 km at sea, 5 km in the floodway and the remaining 2 km on dry land. At full capacity, the Terminal has a regasification capacity of 3.75 billion cubic meters a year, about 4% of the national requirement.

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