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Containerships completes first LNG bunkering with Shell

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CMA CGM-owned Containerships has completed the first bunkering of its debut LNG-fuelled boxship.

The 1,400-teu Containerships Nord (built 2018) took on 240 tonnes of gas at Rotterdam from Shell's 5,300-dwt bunker tanker Cardissa (built 2017) last week.

The fuel is enough for a trip from Rotterdam to St Petersburg and back sailing through the Kiel canal twice.

The vessel is the first of four coming from Huangpu Wenchong in China later this year.



"In future, the bunkering will be carried out at a normal operational berth simultaneously with loading and discharging operations. This means no disadvantages in operative efficiency will occur compared to traditional oil burning vessels," Containerships said.

Tahir Faruqi, general manager of Shell Global Downstream LNG, added: "We are proud to supply Containerships with a cleaner burning and viable fuel for the shipping industry. LNG bunkering is a

very safe operation and we look forward to conducting simultaneous operations with Containerships in the future".

The ship started sailing from China towards Europe in mid-December and reached European waters after passing the Suez Canal after two and half weeks of sailing.

The vessels can run on gas for 14 days.

The owner has signed a deal for Shell to supply the LNG via ship-to-ship bunkering at Rotterdam.

Containerships said it was the first container shipping line in Europe to perform ship-to-ship bunkering with LNG.

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