

PUERTO DE BILBAO

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PORT AUTHORITY BILBAO CITY COUNCIL

Handed 22,000 square meters over to the city of Bilbao

The **Port Authority of Bilbao's** Board of Directors has given the definitive go-ahead for ceding a plot of land in the Olabeaga quarter to **Bilbao City Council**, once the prior administrative procedures have been fulfilled.

The plot, which was decommissioned and handed over free of charge, comprises a large part of the riverside walk connecting the Olabeaga quarter to the neighbouring Zorroza quarter, with an area of approximately 22,000 m². The cession specifies that it must retain its current public utility and social interest uses as a road, promenade, park and recreational areas for children and adults.

In this manner, the **Bilbao** City Council continues the actions it has been carrying out to recover and use one of the spaces included in the so-called "Emergency Plan of Punta Zorroza" and its connection with

the city centre through the Olabeaga quarter. Consolidating a de facto situation, as the City Hall has already been managing and maintaining the pedestrian walkway.

This action is part of the process being carried out by the

Port Authority regarding free cession to the respective riverside City Councils of certain spaces previously declared unnecessary for the development of port uses and operations, which belong to the port public domain and are clearly linked to port-city interaction.

Some of these port spaces were already being used by the affected municipalities through the corresponding concessions or authorisations by the Port Authority; therefore, these free cessions give them a definitive administrative solution.

PORT - CITY

In the last few decades, the **Port Authority has been** ceding, free-of-charge, port areas to cities such as Bilbao (riverside walks on both sides of the estuary or the area of Abandoibarra), Sestao (Benedicta sports centre area and the neighbouring residential estate), Getxo (Campa del Loro area), Portugalete (swimming pools in the Churruca quay) or Leioa (La Vega de Lamiako road), leaving behind the industrial port past of the Nervión Estuary and progressing in provision of decommissioned spaces for the use of citizens ■





NORDEX

Optimises its logistics with a maritime subsidiary and starts a new regular line with northern Europe and Asia

Last September, the **Nordex** group constituted a subsidiary in its head office in Barasoain (Navarre) to carry out activities such as international cargo agent and logistics operator related to the dispatching and reception of shipments, consolidation and deconsolidation of cargoes.

To start this activity, **Nordex** has chartered the “Super Fast Levante” ship, which is 158 metres long and has 1,900 lineal metres of capacity. It made its first call in Bilbao at the end of October, coming from India.

After unloading twelve 12-metre-long wind turbine blades and loading another twelve 81.5-metre-long blades, it left, bound for the port of Cuxhaven to initiate a new voyage to Asia, after stopping in the German ports of Brunsbüttel and Kiel, as well as Kalajoki in Finland, where it will dock in the Chinese terminal of Lianyungang. From there, it will return to Bilbao next January, closing a 45-day circuit.

This first port of call starts a service that will regularly connect the port of Bilbao with northern Europe, India and China.

The blades were transported to the port by **Transportes Aguado**, and the service was consigned and stowed by **C. Toro y Betolaza** ■



PROGECO BILBAO

Strengthens its commitment to Bilbao with a new space in the A-2 while also obtaining the AEO

Progeco Bilbao reinforces its commitment to the port of Bilbao with a new 14,369 m² concession in quay A-2, which it had been using up to now with an administrative authorisation.

The new concession will also imply building 3,500 m² of cold storage facilities for storing and dispatching perishable goods.

With this new enlargement, **Progeco** increases the space it uses in the port of Bilbao to 105,000 m², in the ZAD-1, ZAD-2, ZAD-3, AZ-1 and A-2 areas.

MULTIFUNCTION

Since 1985, **Progeco** has been offering container base services, logistic storage and goods transport for all types of industrial and trade clients in Bilbao.

The 2,000m² container base includes container storage and repair for the most important shipping companies and has specialised machinery to store containers up to six in height. Moreover, this service, located in ZAD-3, has installations dedicated exclusively maintaining and repairing refrigeration equipment (the only dealer for Carrier, Thermo King, Starcool and Daikin in northern Spain).

The logistic storage area, also located in ZAD-3, occupies 35,000 m², of which 25,000 m² is dedicated to storing palletized goods. In this area, we can highlight the space dedicated to perishable products, which occupies 7,500 m² in two cold stores for 4,000 and 2,000 pallets, respectively. The area also has another 1,000 m² at a controlled temperature for the transfer of perishable goods.



The logistical storage in ZAD-1, ZAD-2 and AZ-1 adds another 31,000 m² to the 14,000 m² of A-2, of which 4,000 m² will be used for storing and distributing steel products and another 4,000 m² for refrigerated goods.

Finally, it has the brands **Vinatrans** and **Rontegui** for road transport activities, which together have a fleet of 85 trucks.

MARKETS AND AUTHORISED ECONOMIC OPERATOR

Regarding markets, **Progeco** sells 54% in EU countries, 45% in Spain and 1% in countries outside the EU, in all of which it expects to grow next year due to the acknowledgement obtained from the Tax Authorities as an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) for customs simplification, last December 20th ■

Investment to promote a circular economy

Rubis Terminal TEPSA Bilbao remains committed to sustainability, adding raw materials for manufacturing biofuel, used cooking oil and other reusable products to its catalogue of stored products. These require special preservation conditions, such as heat-insulated and heated tanks, as well as specific “know-how” for handling them.

With the latest investments in 2022, in which another 20,000m³ more have been adapted for these materials,



as well as a new unloading island, the group continues growing in this market segment, and it is positioned as a benchmark in the sector.

These milestones are added to the recent designation of the Terminal as an Inspection Centre reporting to the Border Control Post of Bilbao, granted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Sustainable Storage Solutions for everyday life! ■

Landfills in quay AZ-1 extension have finished

In July 2021, the **Port Authority of Bilbao** awarded the work to extend quay AZ-1 to the temporary joint venture formed by the Rover Maritime, Construcciones Murias and Ciomar, budgeted at 27.38 million euros, work in which the landfill phase has concluded.

A significant milestone in this work has been the construction of the six reinforced concrete caissons that form the vertical wall of the future quay, for which the seabed was dredged. Up to the publication of this bulletin, the placement of the layer of protective blocks for the western side is being finished.

The action has consisted in extending the current AZ-1 quay towards the mouth of the wharf, creating almost 50,000 m² of new port esplanade and expanding the berthing line by about 250 metres, which, once this new infrastructure is in service, will help to relieve the saturated neighbouring area, destined mainly for solid bulk products ■



New enlargement

The **Grupo Hafesa** subsidiary will invest 3.95 million euros to build four new 8,500 m³ tanks to store petrol, diesel and biodiesel in their terminal in the Port of Bilbao.

After investing 2.3 million euros in recent work to improve their installations, **DBA Bilbao Port** has requested approval from the Port Authority for enlarging the capacity of their terminal in the Punta Ceballos-Zierbena port area, which now has 12 tanks with a 54,750 m³ nominal capacity, on a concession of 22,000 m² from which the fuels and hydrocarbons port logistics activities are managed.

With a twelve-month deadline to finish the work, which will be carried out on an area of 2,055 m² of the current terminal and will include a connection with the existing line of the company Bunge to have an additional biodiesel line to the Punta Ceballos berth and its tanks ■



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GRUPO VASCO

Celebrating its 50th+2 anniversary

In a festive and, at the same time, very professional atmosphere, Grupo **Vasco** celebrated its 50th+2 anniversary last December 1st, after COVID-19 had impeded this celebration in 2020.

During the event, the Azarloza family, especially Kepa Azarloza, founder and President of the group, thanked all the workers, professionals in the sector and friends for their great affection and commitment during all these years. In his speech, the president of **Vasco** also wished to remember the professionals and companies that have accompanied the group during these years and acknowledge the work of all of them in the past and a commitment to advance towards new horizons characterised by digitalization and new talent.

The family group- currently headed by his sons Jon (Group CEO), Kepa and Xavier - thanked their father for the acknowledgement and important legacy received, taking up the challenge of moving **Vasco** to the next level, conditioned by the profound technological changes that will take place in logistics.

The celebration also had the participation of three important international shipping figures: Wang Minfeng, President of Cosco Europa (Chinese shipping company represented exclusively by Grupo **Vasco**); Dietrich Schader-Bieschin, CEO of Macs (Leaders in services from Europe to South Africa, Namibia and Mozambique); and Javier Romeu, the fourth generation of the family and member of the Board of Directors of Grupo Romeu.

Grupo **Vasco** is a family-owned company founded in 1970 in Bilbao dedicated to international transport, logistics, consultancy and technological innovation that faces the future as a global company ■



BILBAO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Renews its managerial positions

The **Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Navigation of Bilbao** has held a new plenary session electing **José Ignacio Zudaire (Petronor)** as President, with a business career linked to the maritime-port sector, replacing **José Ángel Corres (Customs Warehouse of Bilbao)**, who had held the presidency for over twelve years.

The new composition of the plenary session incorporates several companies linked to the port as a multimodal hub, from shippers to shipping companies, as well as port terminals and land transport ■



BRITTANY FERRIES

Increases cargo and passenger capacity on the route to Ireland

With the incorporation of the Salamanca ferry to the line between the ports of Bilbao and Rosslare, **Brittany Ferries** enlarges and improves its goods and passenger service to Ireland. This ship is considered a ferry-cruise liner with a capacity for a 2.7 km line of vehicles and 1,050 passengers. It has 343 cabins with bathrooms and 37 cabins for truck drivers.

The Salamanca, with its 215 metres length, is the first LNG ship in the Brittany Ferries fleet. It departs from the port Bilbao on Thursdays and Sundays, leaving Rosslare on Wednesdays and Fridays ■





Obtains two ISCC certifications

Tradebe obtains two sustainability certificates in its port of Bilbao plant: The ISCC Plus Certificate for Tradebe Green Fuel (TGF) produced with MARPOL waste, Annexe I. And the ISCC EU Certificate for Annexe II waste (X, Y) originated from maritime transport and generated during the pre-washing of tanks transporting products defined in Chapter 17 of the IBC code.

The MARPOL Convention, together with other EU regulations, obliges port administrations to have installations catering for the needs of ships, guaranteeing correct management of waste produced during transport.

The port service division of **Tradebe** has ample experience in environmental MARPOL waste management, and its strategy is aligned with the United National Sustainable



Alvaro de Pablo (Responsable Producción) | Inigo Alonso (Responsable Laboratorio) | Ana Iglesias (Product Manager) | Alvaro San Pedro (Responsable Tradebe Bilbao)

Development Goals (SDGs), SDG 14.

With these certifications, **Tradebe** guarantees control and compliance with procedures, enabling it to certify all the products derived from MARPOL waster with an acknowledged Declaration of Sustainability ■

New controls for importing electrical and electronic material

From January 16th, 2023, two new import inspections will be applied:

- RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances)
- WEEE (Waste electrical and electronic equipment)

The affected goods are electrical and electronic devices, batteries, accumulators and battery packs included in Annexes I, II and III of Royal Decree 993/2022. SOIVRE has published the list of affected tariff headings on the ESTACICE website..

The SOIVRE inspection service, coordinated with Customs, is responsible for controlling imports of goods subject to the new regulations.

Controls prior to release for free circulation of material from third-party countries will verify that:

- Imports of electrical and electronic devices, batteries and accumulators comply with regulations restricting the use of dangerous substances in the manufacturing of these products.
- That those importing batteries and accumulators into the EU market comply with the obligation of being registered in the Registro Integrado Industrial (Integrated Industrial Register - RII) and with environmental waste management.

The aim is that only products compliant with the technical requirements facilitating waste recycling and disposal can be imported, as well as reducing pollution and preventing environmental damage and harm to health caused by restricted substances.

The controls will ensure that imports of these products comply with manufacturing regulations.

To pass the control, the manufacturer/importer must:

- Be registered in the Integrated Industrial Register (RII).
- Submit the required technical documentation: Declaration of conformity + final product test report or third-party production certification.

To release goods for importing, the importer or their representative must request a certificate accrediting having passed the inspection.

The way to request this certificate varies according to the type of product or system of presentation of requests used: For products that are already subject to SOIVRE inspection for other reasons, the current system of requests through ESTACICE or the regular processing system is maintained, while for products imported without other SOIVRE controls, a new tool called ESTACICE-PUE is available, a single-window AEAT-SOIVRE system.

We recommend importers consult with their customs representatives to adapt to these new control requirements ■

[More information](#)

Regulations

COMING INTO FORCE:

■ Law 7/2022 of 8 April, on waste and polluted soil for a circular economy.

On 1 January 2023, the new plastic tax comes is enacted in Spain. The "taxable event falls on manufacturing, importing or intra-community purchase (+5kg) of containers with non-reusable plastic."

■ The amendments to Annexe VI of The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Convention) came into force on 1 November 2022. Drawn up within the framework of the Initial Strategy of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from ships, agreed in 2018, **these technical and operational amendments require vessels to improve their energy efficiency in the short term and thus reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.**

From January 1st, 2023, all ships must calculate their Energy Efficiency eXisting ship Index (EEXI) to measure their energy efficiency and report their annual operational carbon intensity indicator (CII) and their qualification.

Celebrates its 50th anniversary

In December, **Transvol**, Transport and Dumper Trucks celebrated its 50th anniversary, with its workers, partners and clients, while at the same time rendering a tribute to Daniel Rodríguez, former manager of Transvol.

Transvol was born in 1972 as a union of self-employed hauliers working in the port of Bilbao area. Hauliers from other areas joined later, making Transvol a cooperative with over 600 trucks. In 1980, **Transvol** focused on dumper truck transport, the largest in Bizkaia. Thus, opening their activities up to the whole peninsula and also operating in international transport, although at a smaller scale.



DEPOSA

Commissions 100% of its enlargement and becomes a customs warehouse

After one year of work, the six new stainless-steel tanks of the enlargement of the **Deposa** terminal are fully operational. More than 2,400 m² has been added to the bulk liquids terminal of Deposa in Reina Victoria quay, with six new fully operational tanks with a capacity of 2,000 m³ each, which with the other twenty, offer a total capacity of 32,000 m³. This enlargement was completed with a new loading dock for two tanker trucks, which, together with the existing ones, their own railway loading dock and the scales for trucks make **Deposa** a versatile terminal for liquid agro-food and agro-energy products, reaching any point of the peninsula. In addition, **Deposa** has become a Customs Warehouse (Depósito Aduanero - DA), thus, offering more services to its clients and being more operationally efficient, reducing processing times in loading and unloading, both for ships and trucks ■



IBERDROLA ESPAÑA

Iberdrola España is a major international electric company based in Bilbao and with activities generating in Euskadi, in 2022, a socio-economic impact of over 2,700 million euros, 30% more than last year.



Iberdrola is responsible for over 2% of the total Basque GDP, and in its strategic plan for 2023-2025,.

It will invest 47,000 million to boost energy transition, employment and zero net emissions.

TRACOSAN GESTIÓN

Tracosan Gestión is a company specialised in land transport of maritime containers.



Founded in 2012, it is based in the port of Bilbao. It offers qualified hauliers and trucks prepared to transport a variety of goods, such as ADR or refrigerated goods, special transport or dumper transport.

TRANSPORTES RONGE

Transportes Rongeg recently requested to join Uniport.



Rongeg is a company with over 30 years of experience, specialised in all types of goods such as containers (also reefer) or those that require a tipping platform or a low bed for special transport.

They have a technological platform that enables them to control the fleet in real-time for greater control of operations.

SUPERVISION AND CARGO SERVICES VITORIA

SCS (Supervision and Cargo Services Vitoria) has requested to join the Uniport group.



With a long history of prior cooperation between both organisations,

SCS reinforces the multimodal role of Uniport, being a company specialised in all kinds of airport services related to cargo, especially those pertaining to assistance on the ground.



Enlarges its Freight Forwarding services with a new office in Spain

With operations consolidated in the principal Spanish cities, **Bilbao** among them, Grupo **Geodis** opened a new office in southern Spain (Seville) last October to complement current offices, facilitating all types of transport services to importers and exporters from Andalusia and Extremadura.

Grupo **Geodis** aims to help its clients grow, for which it has a network of agents in over 170 countries ■

New equipment

Tecniruta incorporates new portable tanks with the latest innovations by important professionals to its fleet for clients.



Tecniruta is a company specialised in multimodal transport of chemical products. **Concisa** works in the field of bulk food products.

They have the largest national fleet of specialised container tankers ■

Opens its first project in the Basque Country

7,500 m² of buildings with a BREEAM certificate next to the port of Bilbao, enabling efficient water and electricity management, thus reducing the operational costs of the buildings. [Panattoni Park Bilbao City](mailto:comercial@panattoni.com) comercial@panattoni.com



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